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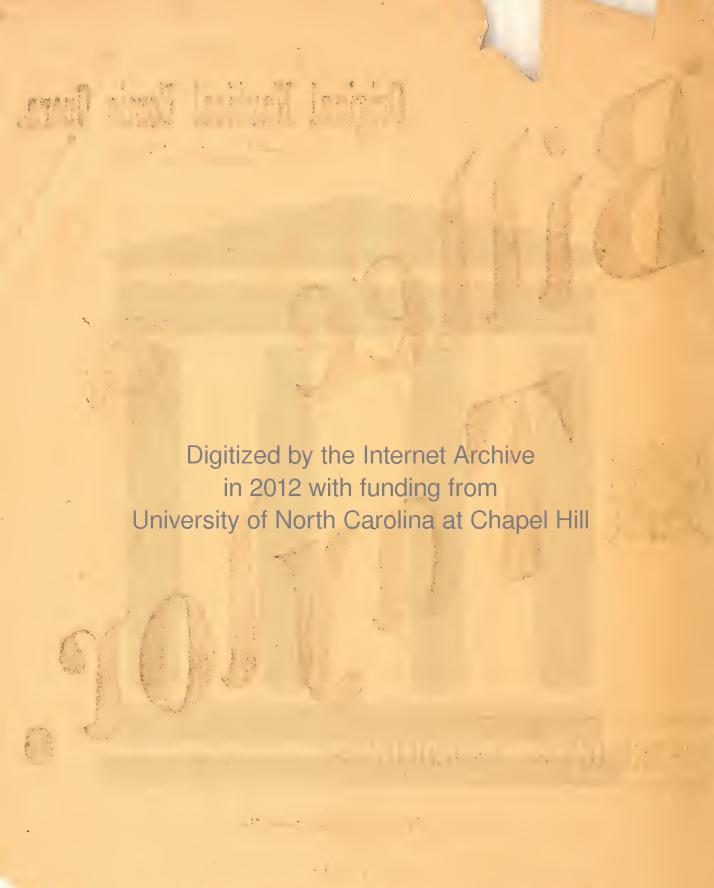
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### NAUTICAL COMIC OPERA

IN TWO ACTS.

# BILLEE TAYLOR;

OR,

"THE REWARD OF VIRTUE,"

BY

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AND

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#### DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

CAPTAN THE HON. FELIX FLAPPER, R. N.,	PHEBE FAIRLEIGH Soprano			
of H.M.S. "Thunderbomb" 2d Tenor.	ARABELLA LANE			
SIR MINCING LANE, Knight 2d Tenor.	ELIZA DABSEY			
BILLEE TAYLOR Tenor.	SUSAN			
BEN BARNACLE Baritone.	JANE SCRAGGS			
CHRISTOPHER CRAB Baritone.	CHARITY GIRLS.			

#### ARGUMENT.

The story of this opera is founded on the old song of "Billy Taylor," a well-known English nautical ditty.

The time of the action in 1805, when the press-gang was in full sway.

The First Act opens with a view of Southampton harbor, at the old inn of the Royal George, when the villagers meet to rejoice over the approaching wedding of Billee Taylor and Phæbe, a charity girl. There is, also, au heiress, Arabella Lane, who is in love with Billee. She offers him her hand and fortunes, which he refuses. Her father, Sir Mincing Lane, a kindhearted old gentleman is going to give the villagers a feast at Billee's wedding. He invites his frieud, Captain Flapper, to join in the festivities. The Captain falls in love with Phæbe at first sight, and vows that she shall not marry Billee. A tutor, Crab, is also in love with Phæbe. Among Captain Flapper's crew is Ben Barnaele, who has gone to sea on account of his love for Eliza, who has forsaken him for another lover. He is ordered by the press-gang to go and carry off Billee Taylor. During the festivities preceding the wedding, this plan is

executed, and *Billee* is taken away, which brings the first act to a close.

The Second Act (two years having elapsed), opens with its scene laid in Portsmouth harber. Ships are coming and going, while the sailors and their sweethearts, sit around the docks, watching some sailors dancing a hornpipe. All of the charity girls, among whom is Phæbe, have followed Billee to sea, disguised as sailor boys. Billee, in the meantime, has risen to be a lieutenant. Sir Mincing Lane, who has become a commauder in the volunteers, appears, and endeavors to induce some of the volunteers to join his company. Phabe is about to enlist, when Barnacle interferes, and there is a quarrel between the soldiers and the sailors. Captain Flapper stops the fight. Some one tells Phabe that Billee has lost his love for her, and loves Arabella. She fires a pistol at Billee and Arabella, whom she sees in company, and is ordered to be shot. She then makes herself known. Matters are finally explained and set right, and all ends happily.

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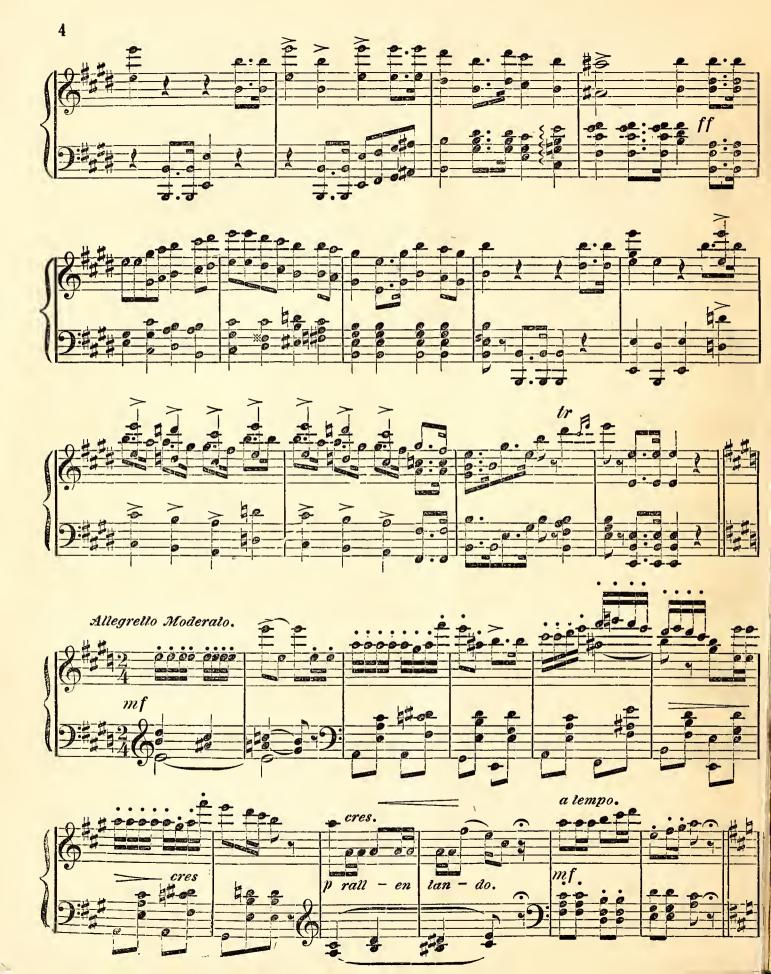
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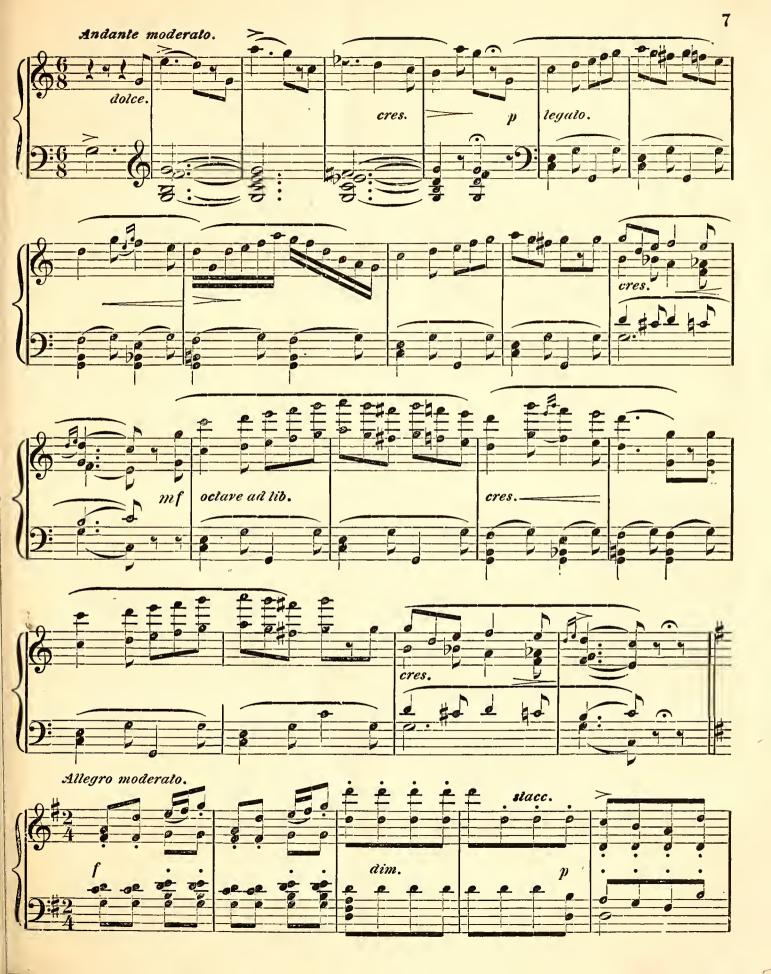
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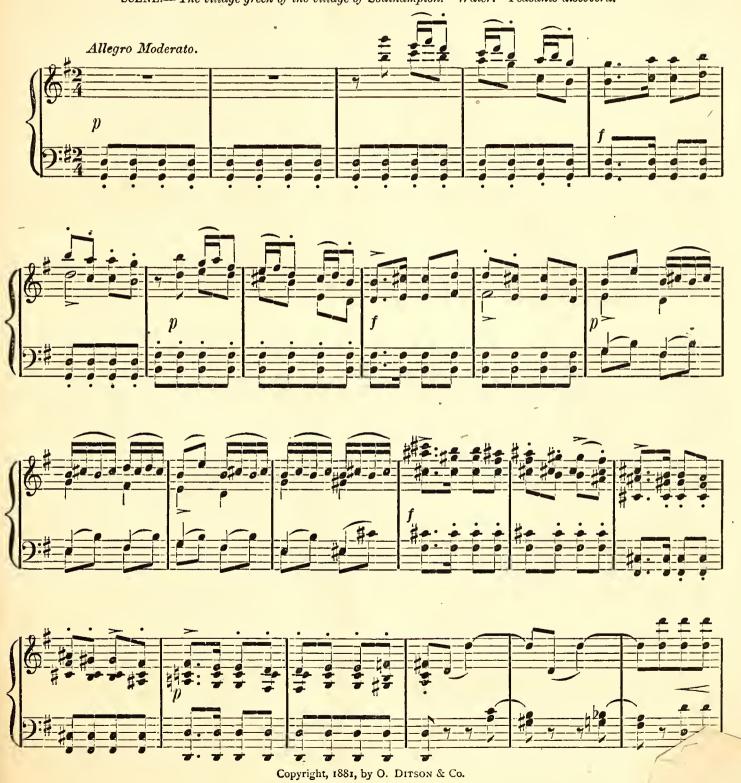
#### ACT I.

#### TO-DAY, TO-DAY.

#### No. 1.

#### CHORUS OF PEASANTS. (S. S. T. B.)

SCENE.— The village green of the village of Southampton. Water. Peasants discoverd.





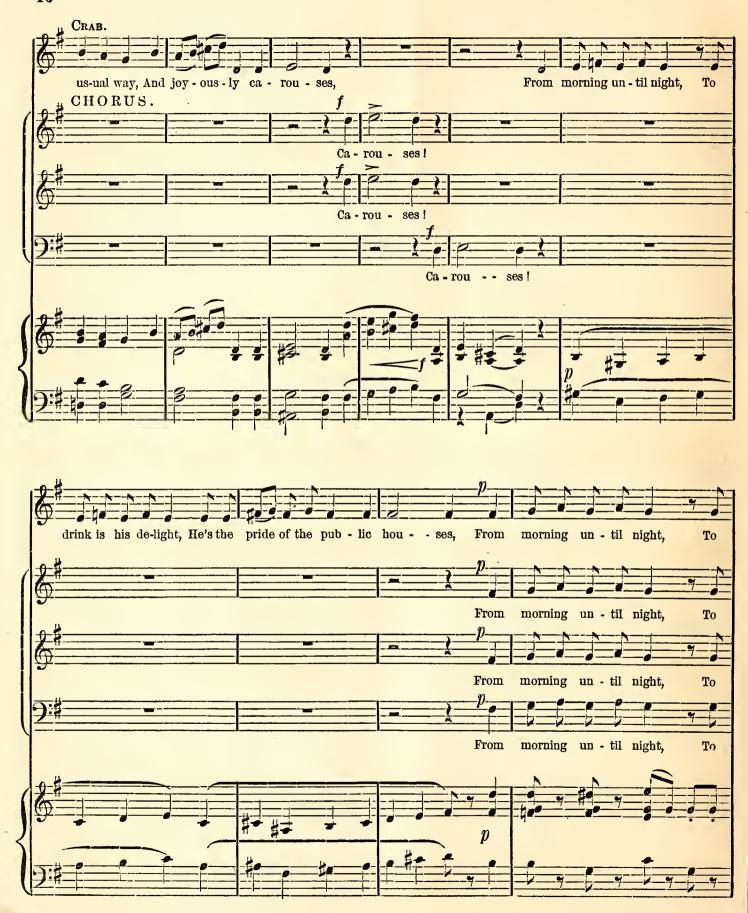


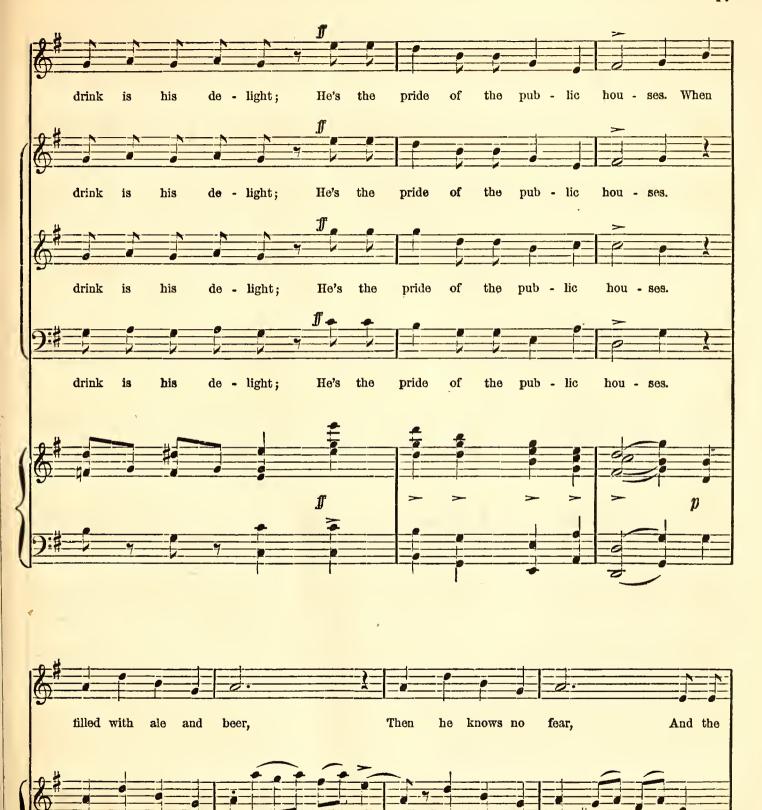






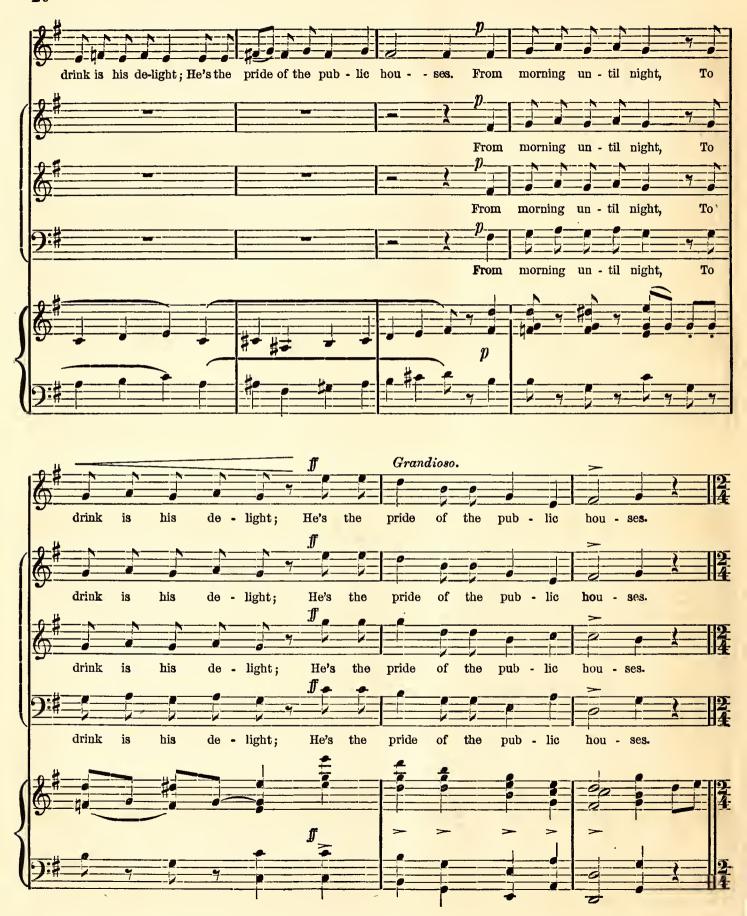


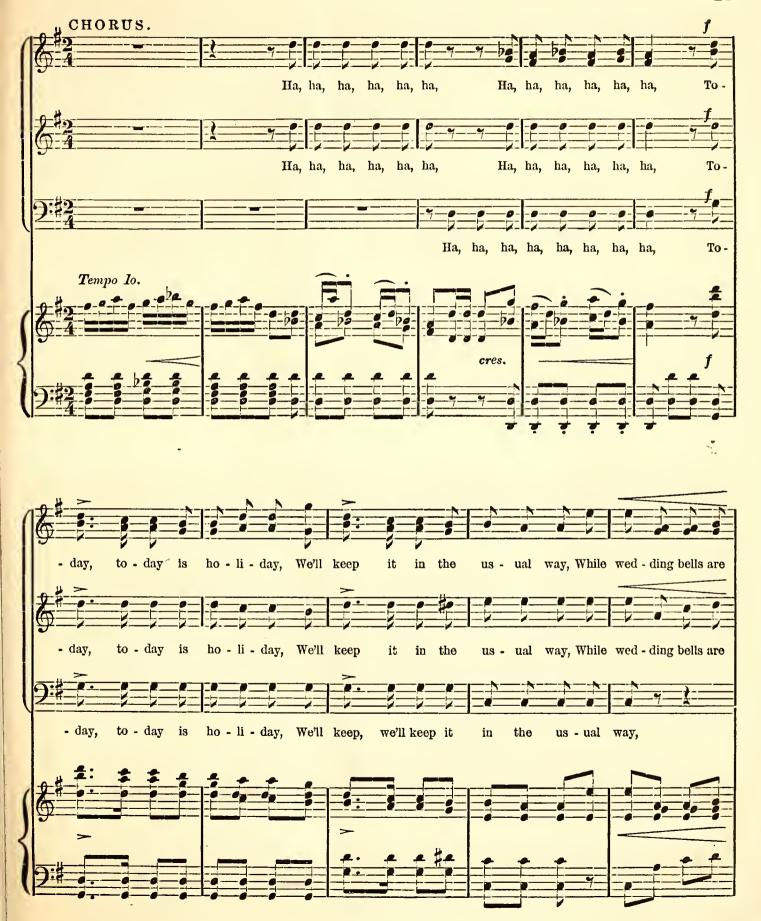




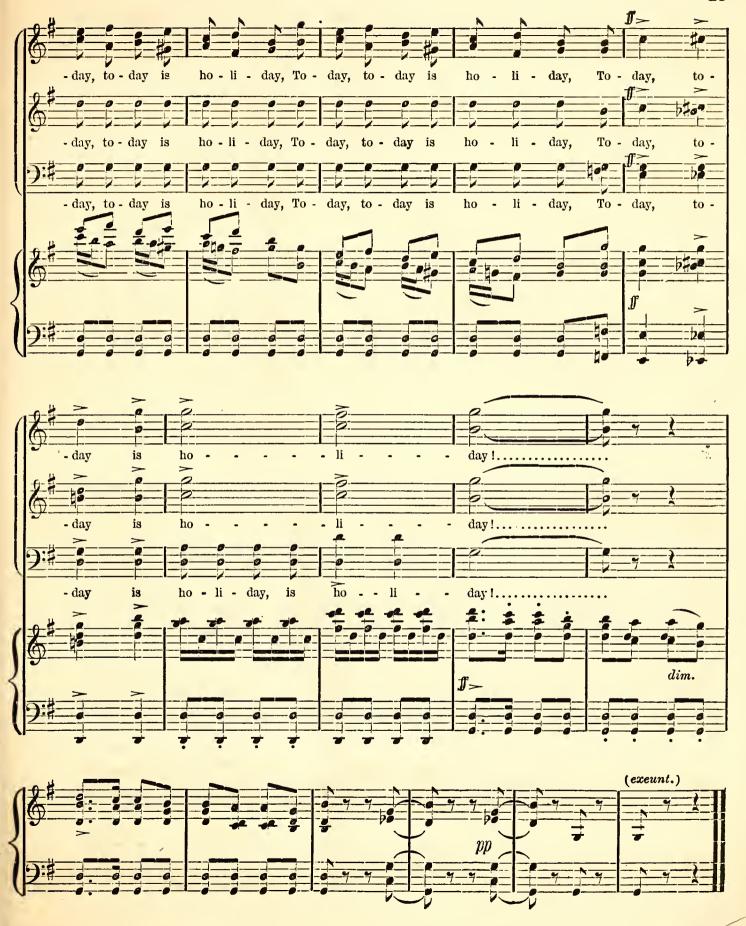












CRAB. The desponding villain—How to prevent the marriage— His self-depreciation—His merits recognized by his old school-master, "Spare the rod and spoil the child"—CRAB is off to his duty.

First appearance of the virtuous gardener, WILLIAM TAYLOR.

The value of friendship—The pleasures of moral gardening

described in the song.

#### THE VIRTUOUS GARDENER.





The fatal passion of Miss Arabella Lane for her father's retainer—Urged by the nearness of the hour when he will be wedded to another, she endeavors to awaken a spark of interest for herself in William's heart, and finally throwing aside all maidenly reserve, joins in

#### "IFS AND ANDS."





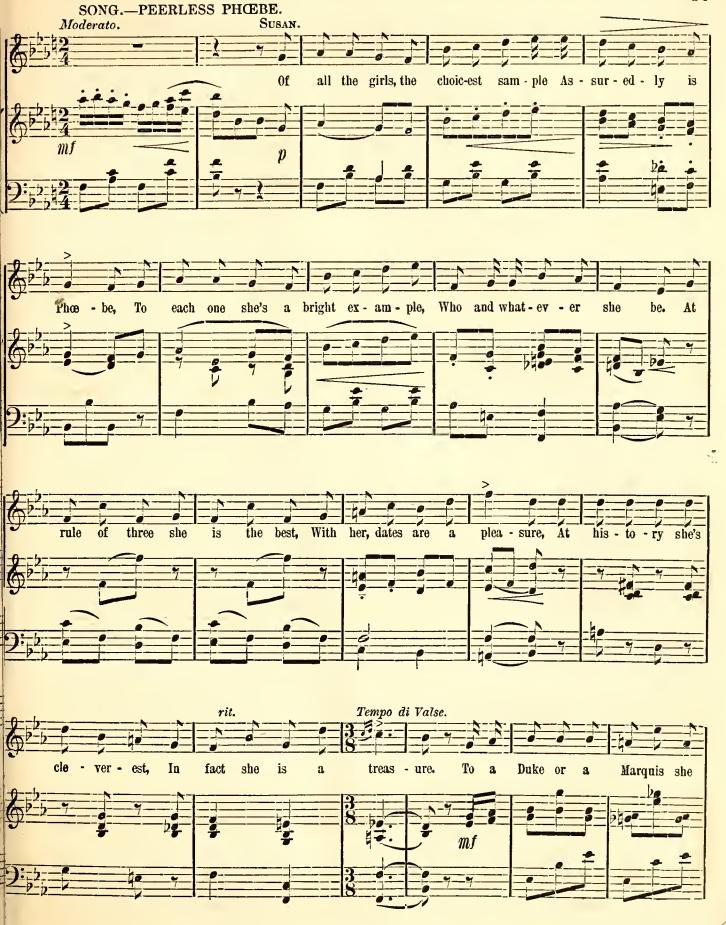


#### CHORUS OF CHARITY GIRLS.

AND

















# THE TWO RIVERS.













Who will keep the girls in order now? No one. Who will set a good example? No one. Who will win the prizes? No one.

PHOBE'S precepts-

"Always seem to be modest and bashful, yet wise,
Remember the value of using your eyes;
Recollect, too, that money's not casily met,
And always accept every offer you get.
Be polite to all—grandmammas, sisters, and mothers,
For they've all of them grandsons, or own sons, or brothers.

And never forget the chief object in life, Is to quickly be settled—a well-to-do wife."

The wedding gifts of the simple village maiden — The approach of Sir Mincing Lane and Captain Flapper is signalled by Susan—A modest reception—Captain Flapper likes the parish and parishioners—He admires the bride—A contented and grateful peasantry—The simple manners of the country—What Phœbe Fairleigh may become if William follows the example of Sir Mincing Lane, who is essentially

#### THE SELF-MADE KNIGHT.









The Villagers are to eat, drink, and be merry, at Sir Mincing's expense. He cannot fail to be popular. Phiebe's soliliquy.—Her determination and strong will expressed in the song.

## THE GUILELESS ORPHAN.







CAPTAIN FLAPPER on the prowl—The abrupt love-making of the Sea-rover—Phœbe is flattered by the Captain's condescension—Flapper offers to meet the bridegroom in single combat—He salutes the bride, who returns the salute—The mutiny must be suppressed—A respectful scream—Some one comes—Discretion the better part of valor—Crab to the rescue—His pleadings useless—A blow!—Revenge upon William Taylor is the idea of Crab, Arabella, and Flapper.

## REVENGE, REVENGE!

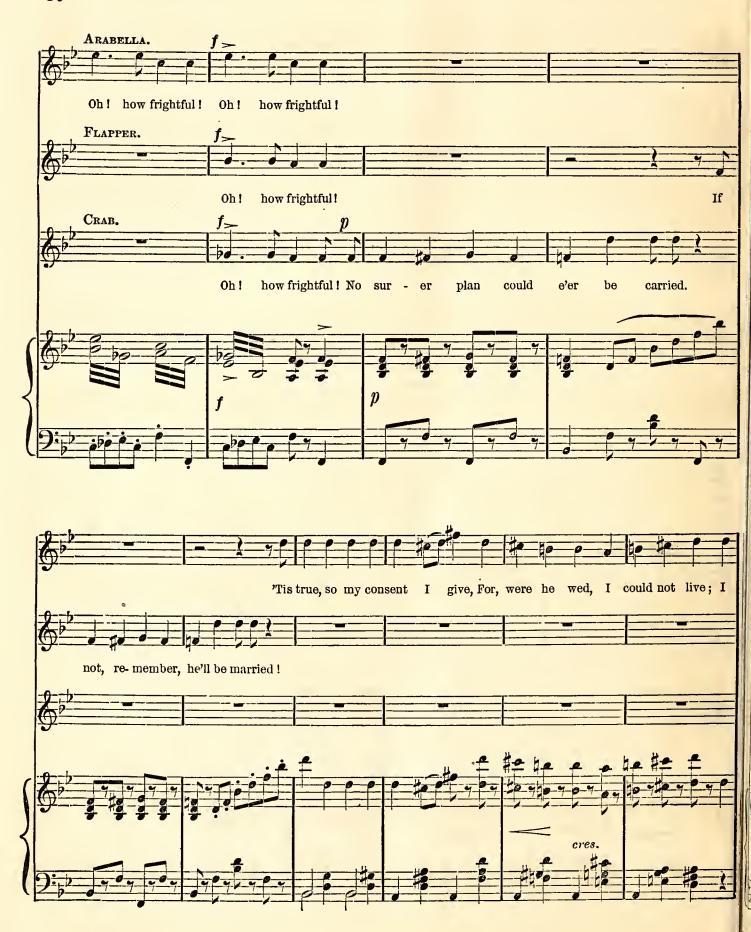
No. 8. TRIO.

Arabella, Capt. Flapper, and Crab.













They go stealthily to work—Hush! Hush! The happiness of the bride and bridegroom—Their mutual confession—They retire to prepare for their nuptial ceremony. Susan announces real man-of-war's men—The crew of His Majesty's ship Thunderbomb, led by the bold bo's'n, Ben Barnacle—They sing the praises of their vessel.

#### THE GALLANT THUNDERBOMB.





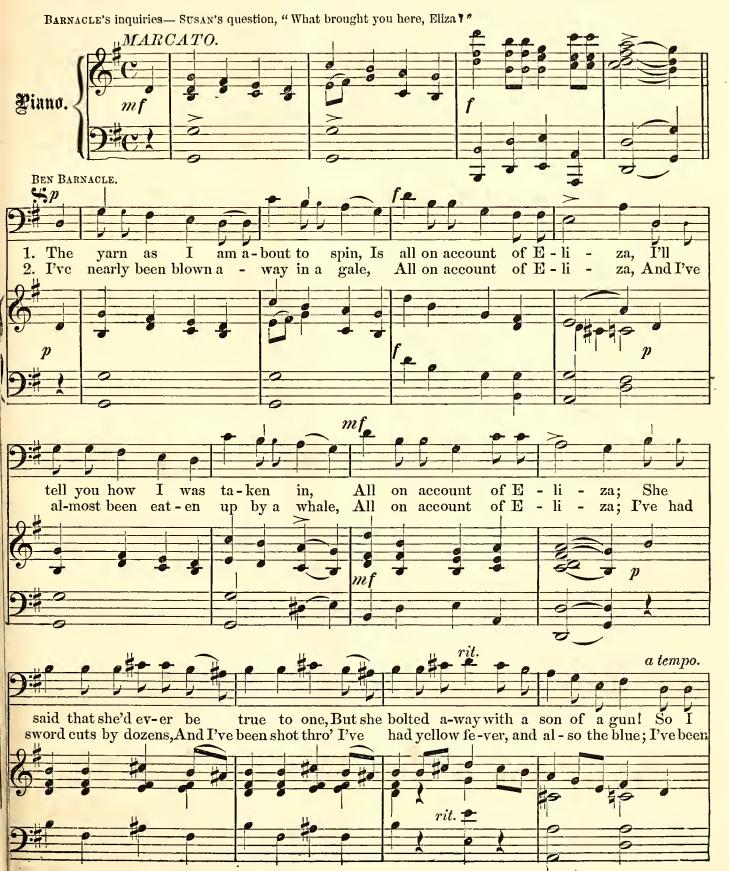




# ALL ON ACCOUNT OF ELIZA.

No. 10. ROMANCE.

Ben Barnacle.





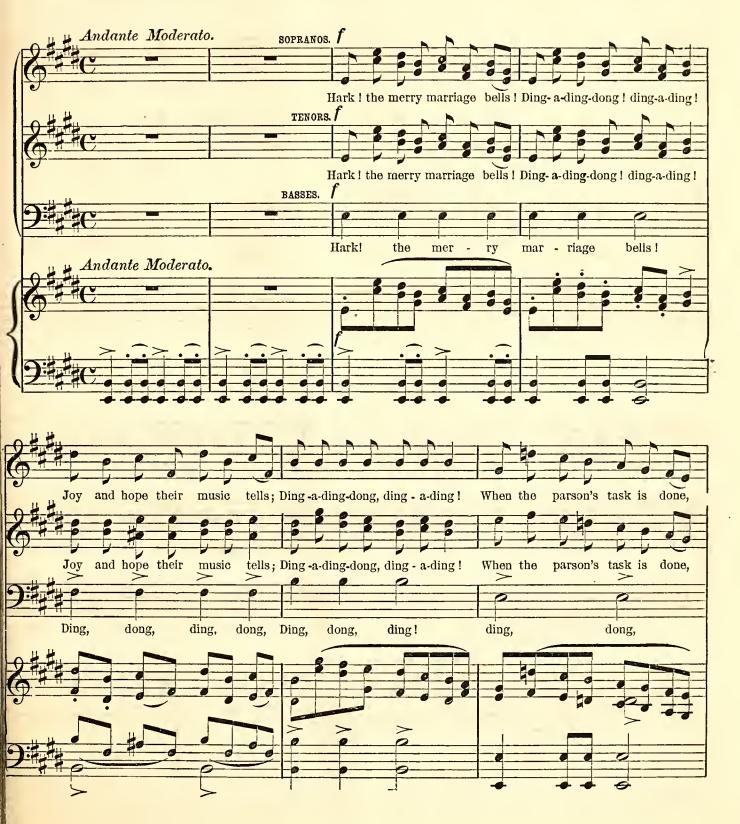




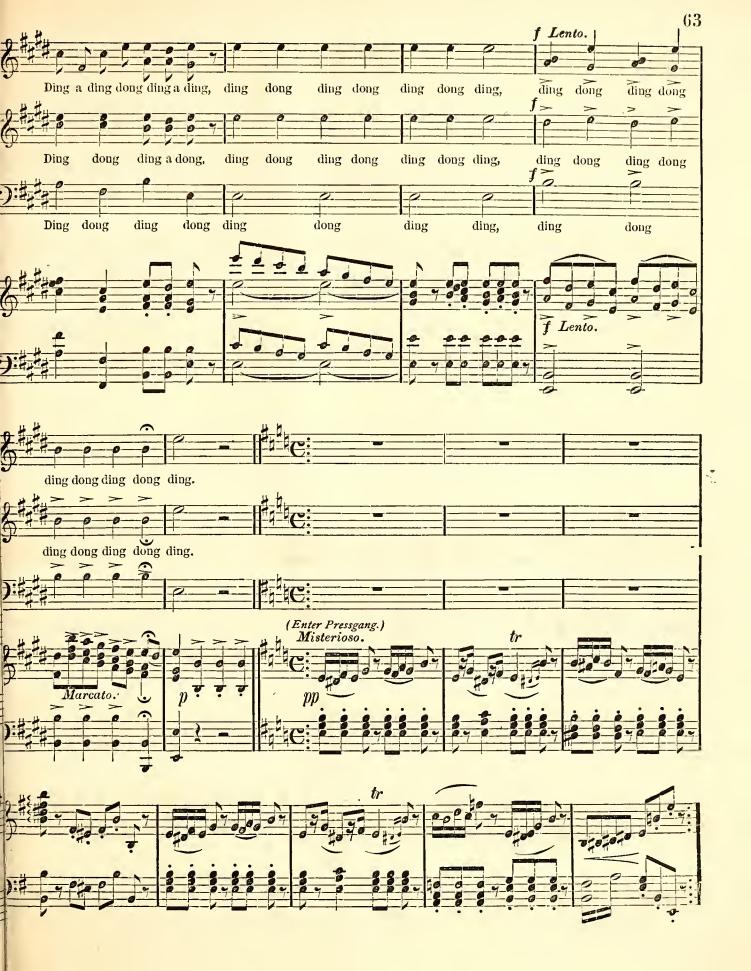
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(S, S, T, & B.)





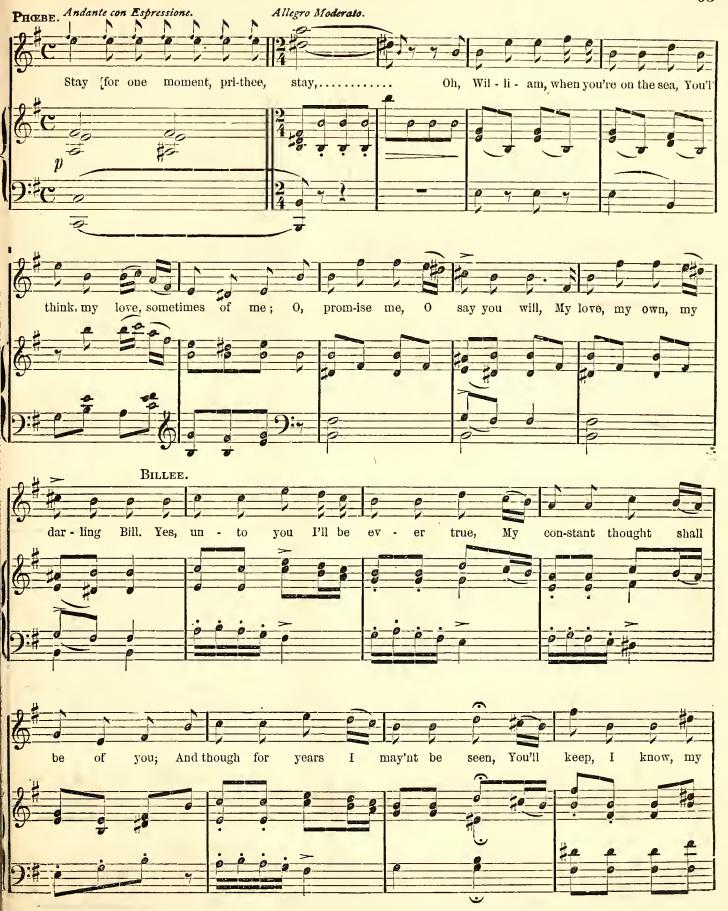


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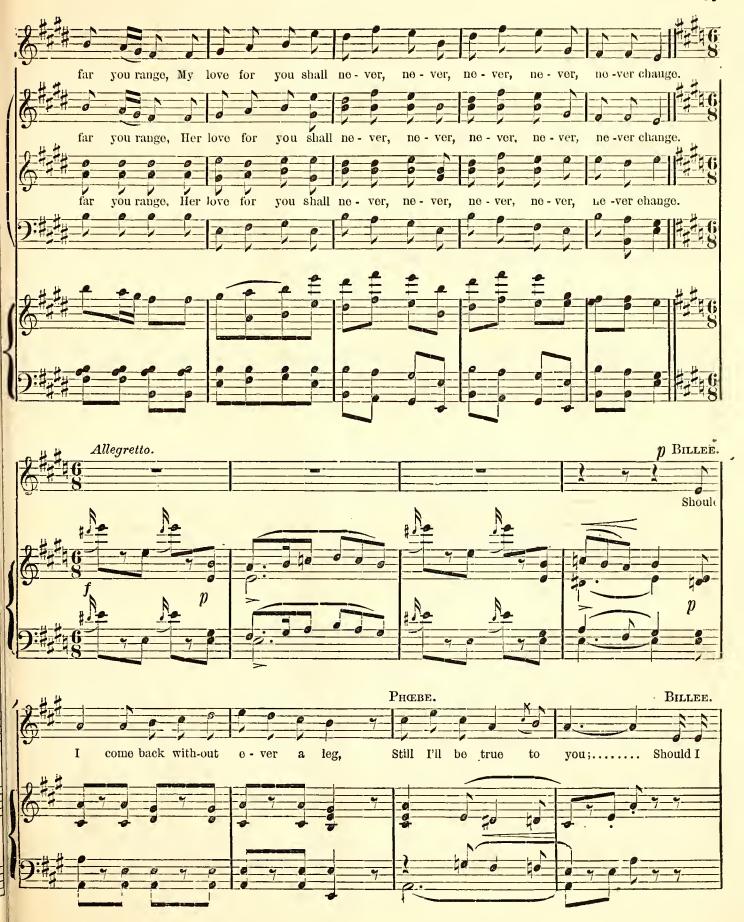
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The arrest of William Taylor!—Barnacle is sympathetic, but unyielding to all entreaties—Crab, the man of peace, i also bound for a man-of-war.





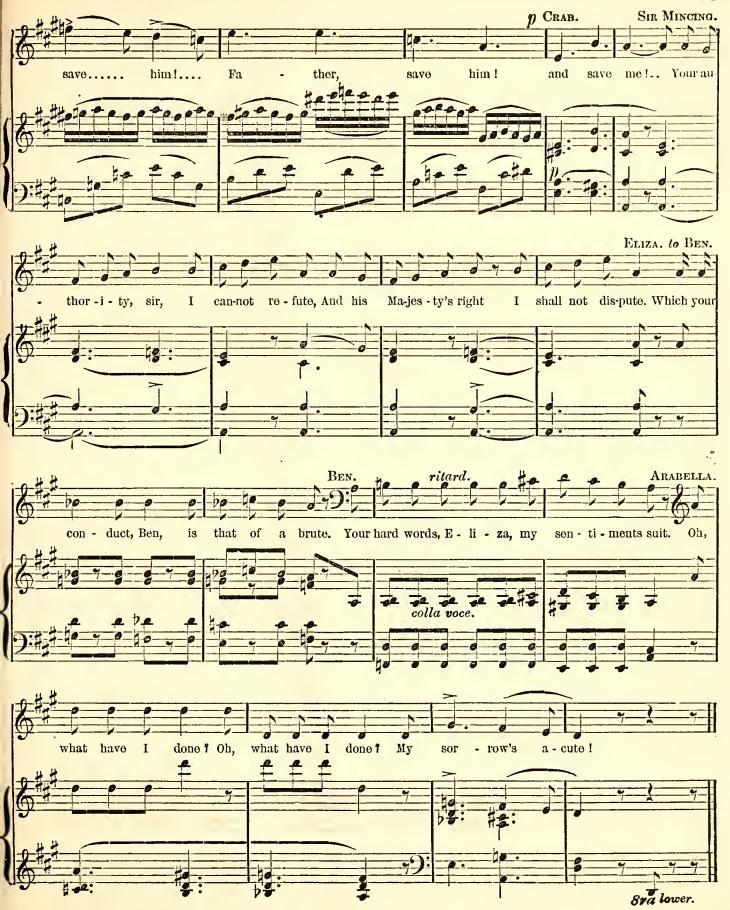






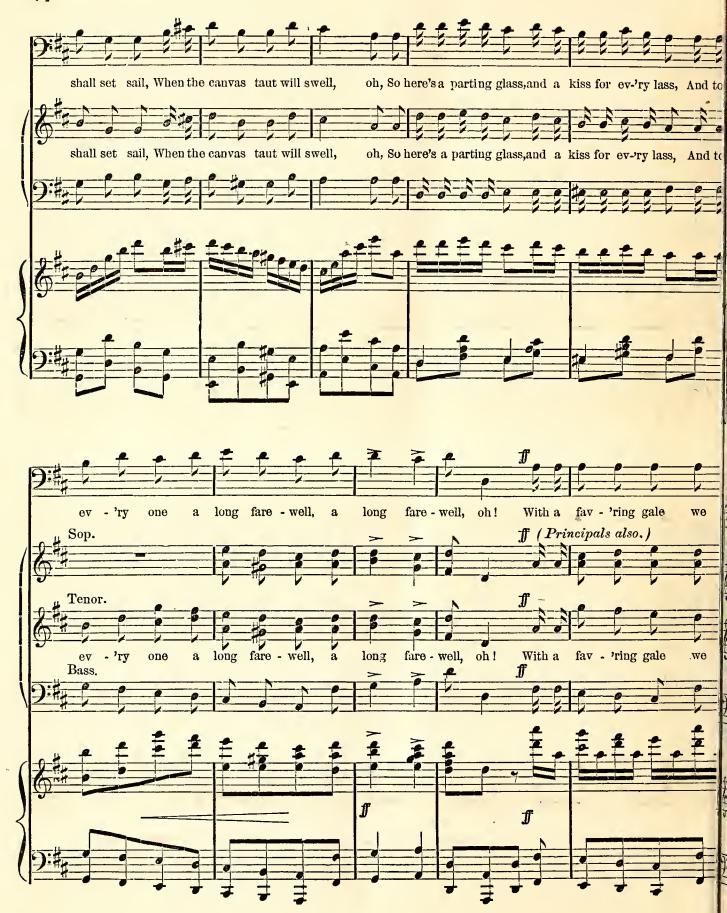


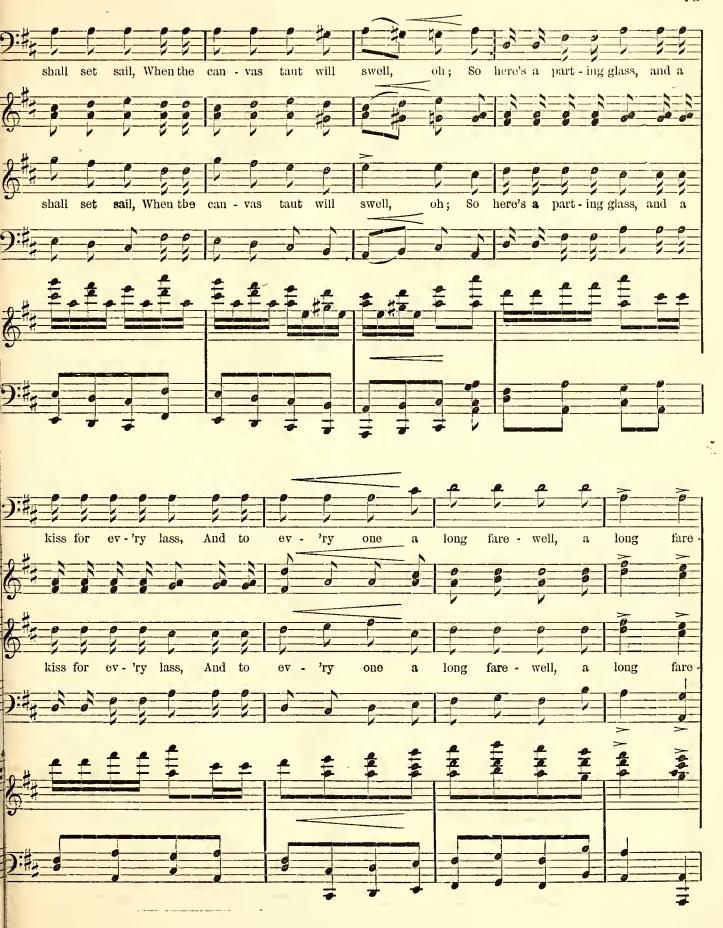


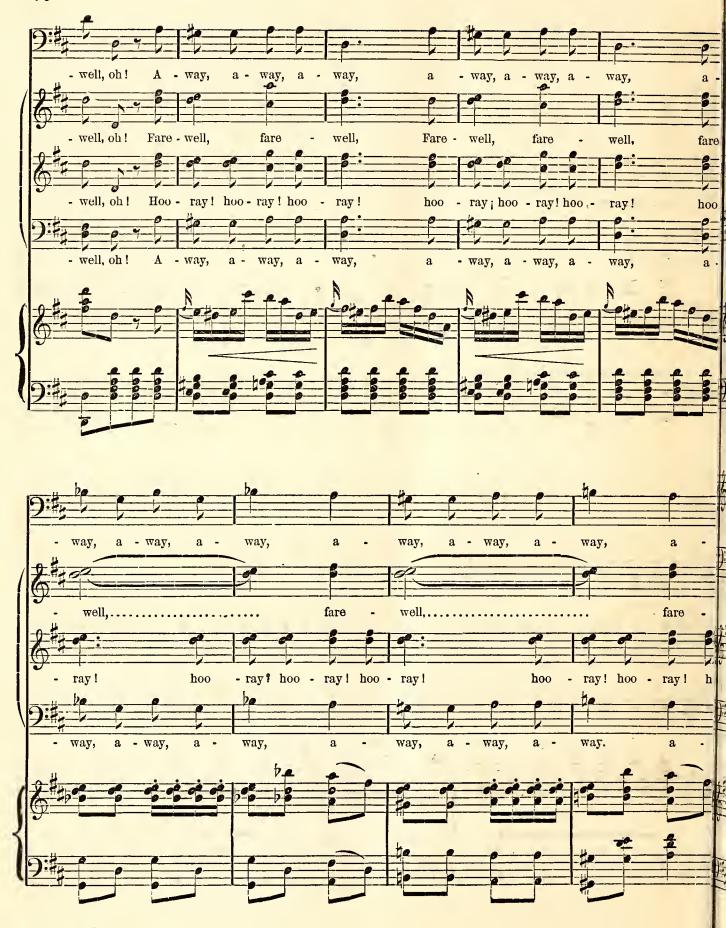


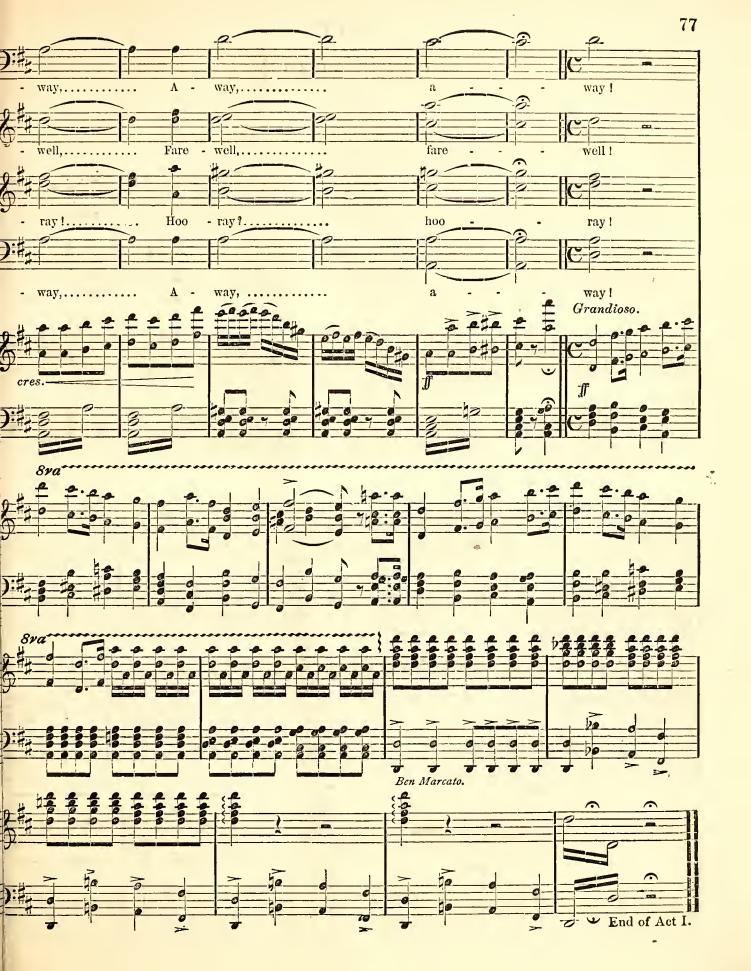












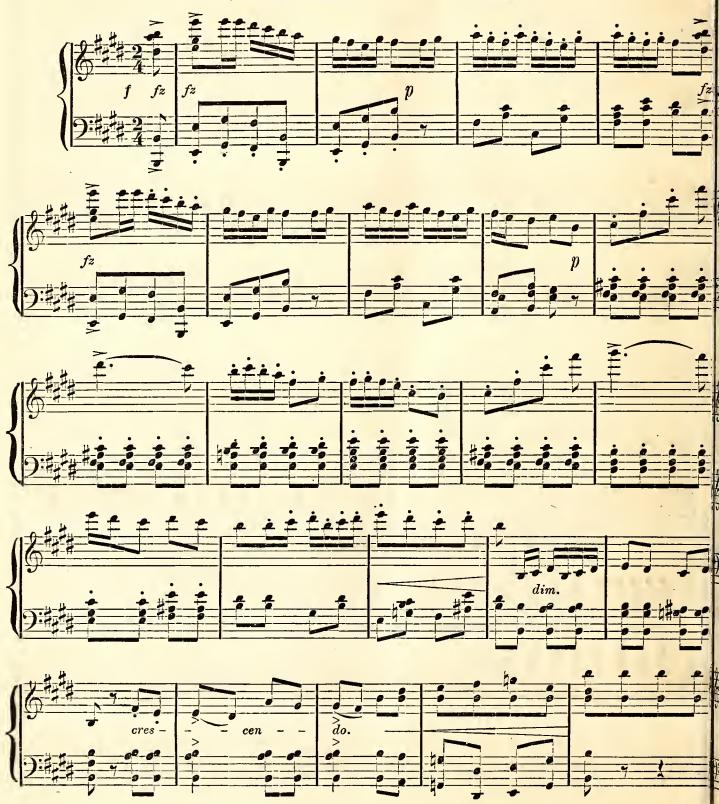
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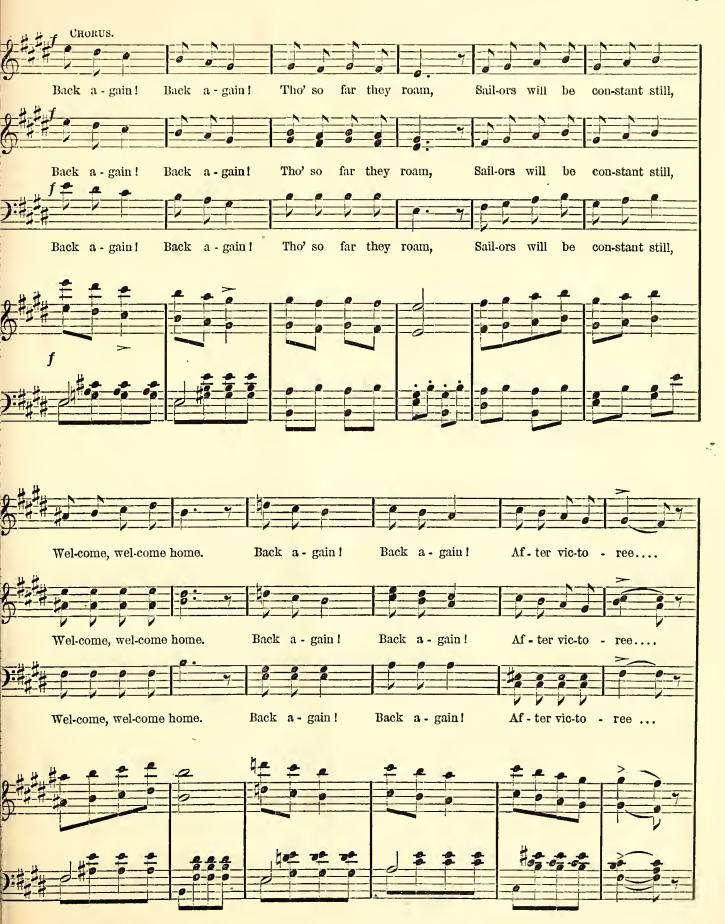
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No. 13. OPENING CHORUS.

(S. S. T. B.)

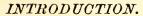
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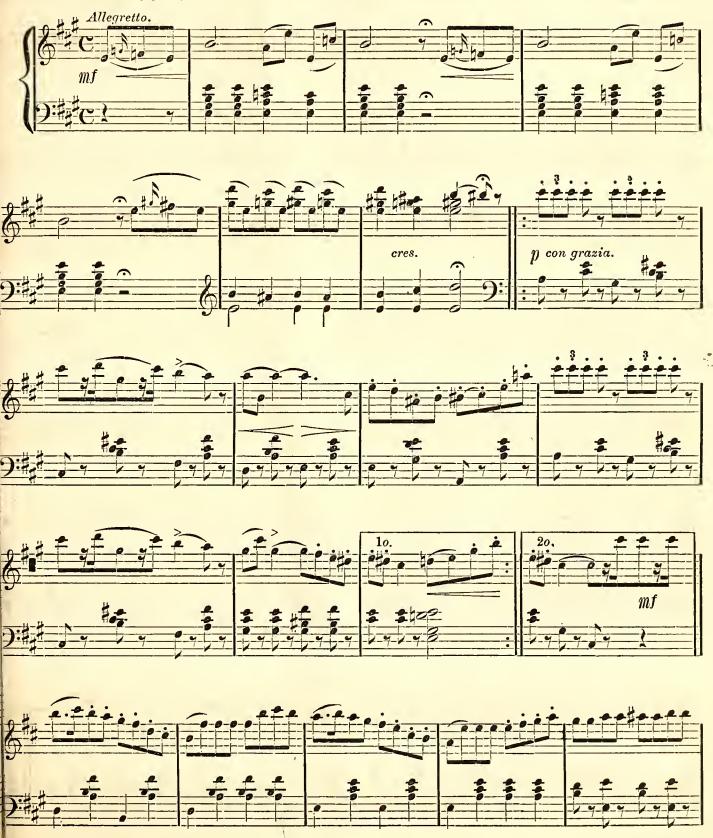






## BALLET MUSIC.









BLACK COOK'S DANCE.





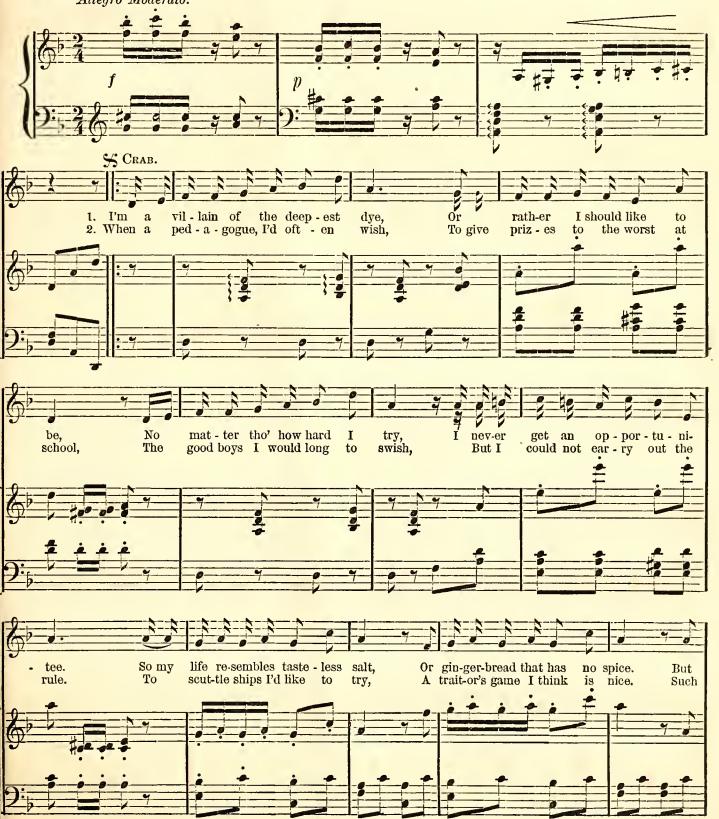
## THE POOR, WICKED MAN.

#### No. 14. SONG.

(Crab.)

The Terpsichorean revels natural to the British tar. CRAB, the mariner—his profession changes but his character the same—No villainy to do.

Allegro Moderato.



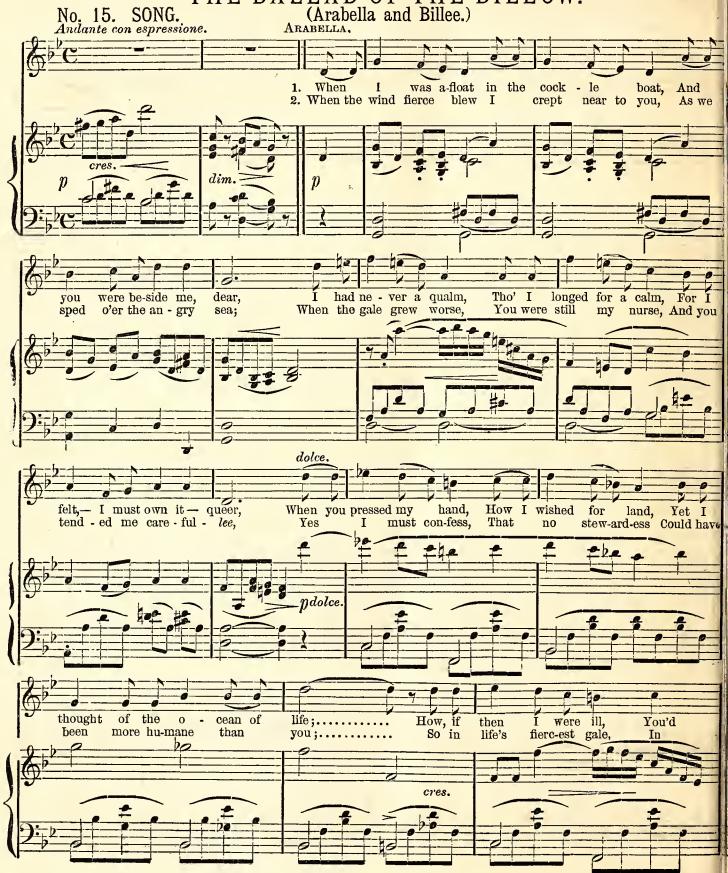


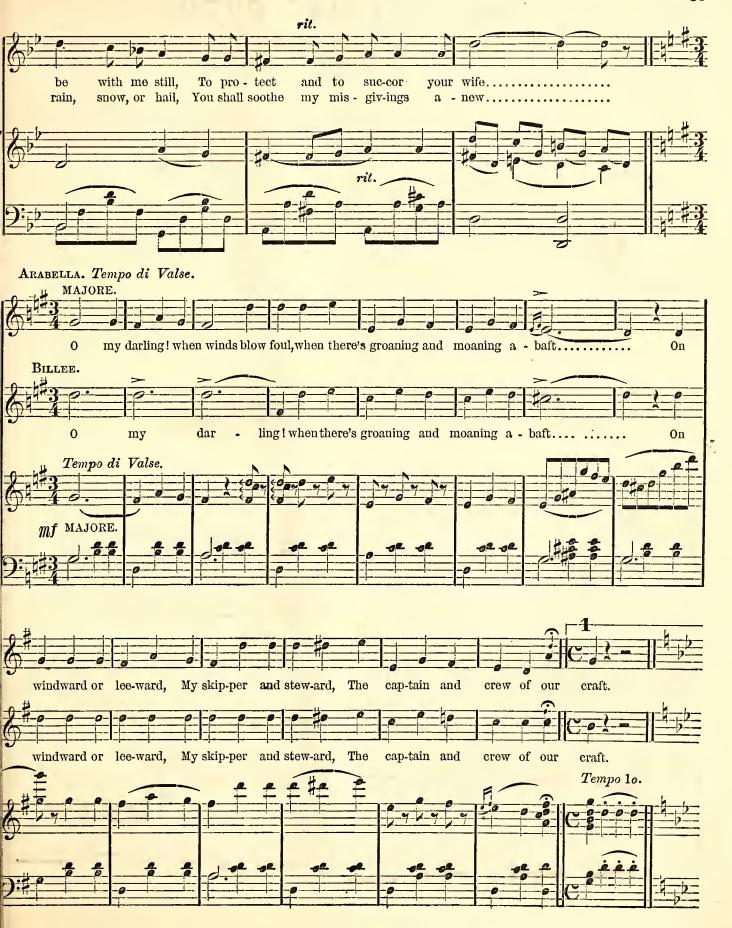


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Meditating on crime—Eliza Dabsey on the lookout for Ben Barnacle—The recognition—The news of Phœbe's flight—Who was the "he?"—The danger of life on a cutter—The Parthian warfarer. William and Arabella—Familiarity does not always breed contempt. The emotion caused by a sail on the ocean expressed in—





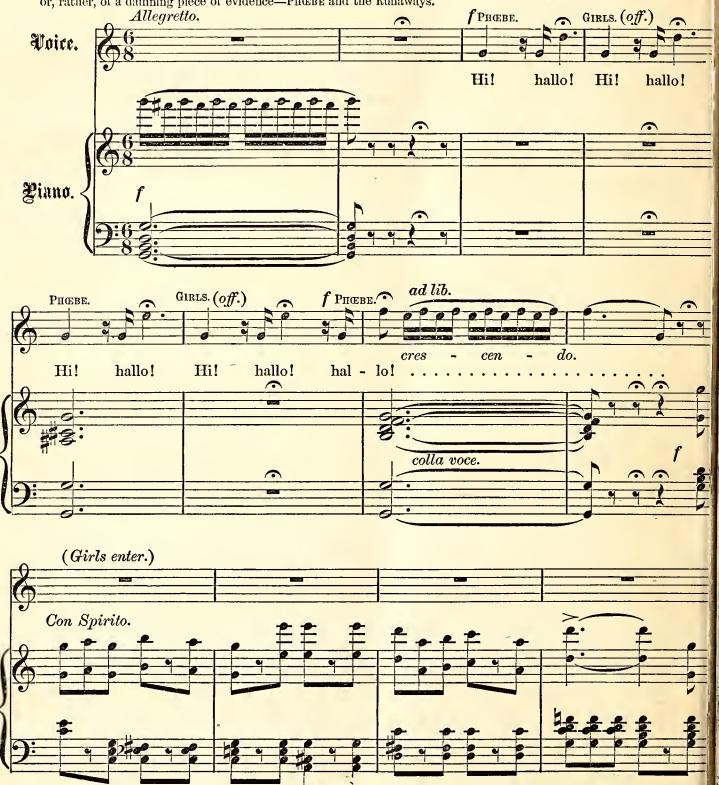


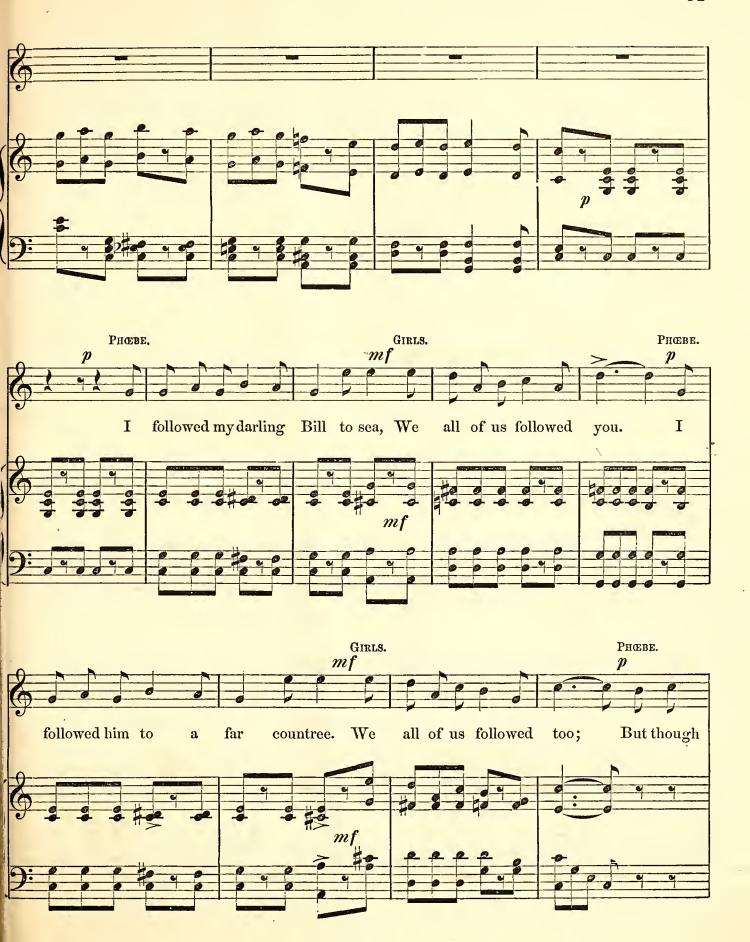
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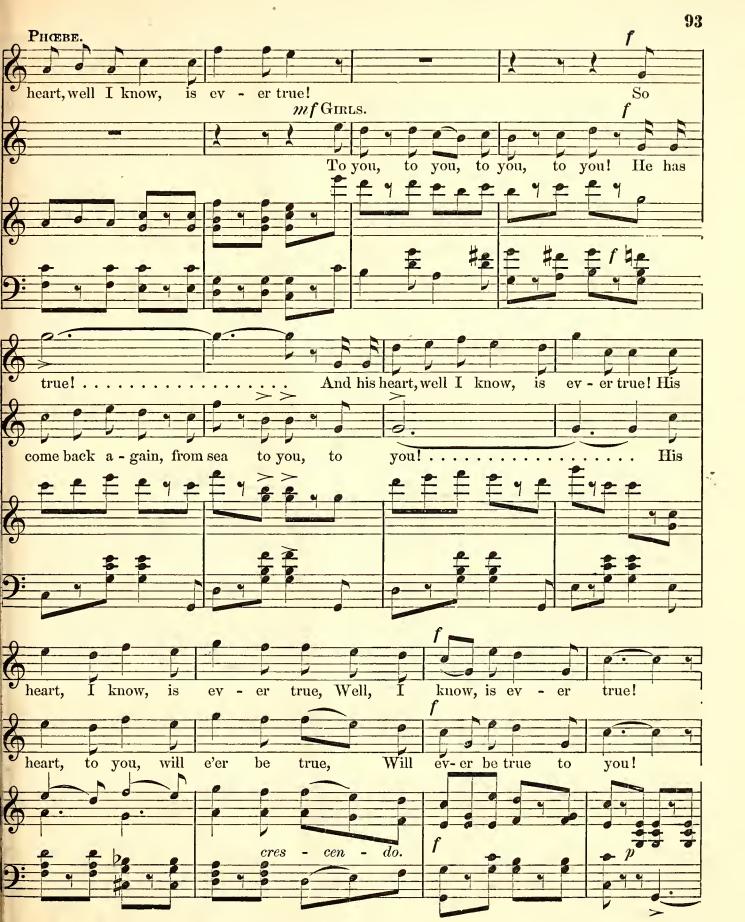
(Phæbe and Chorus.)

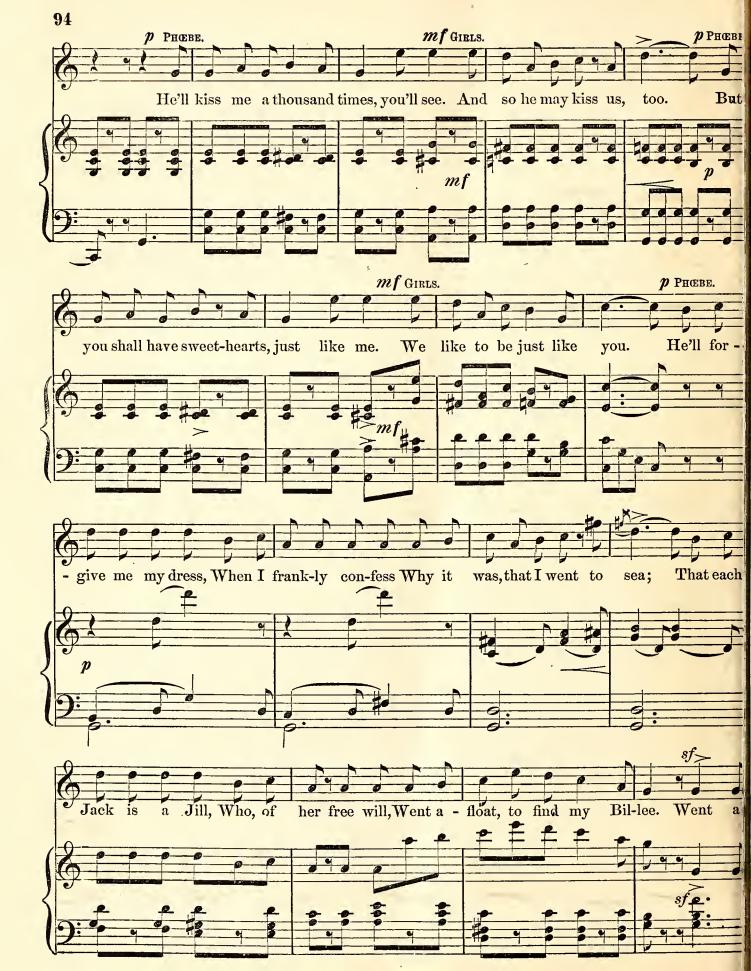
ARABELLA promises that Sir Mincing Lane will "come down" handsomely—How Billee obtained his promotion—The advantage of a runaway horse—Veni, vidi, vici!—The man sacrificed to the weak mortal—The loss of fourpence, or, rather, of a damning piece of evidence—Phæbe and the Runaways.

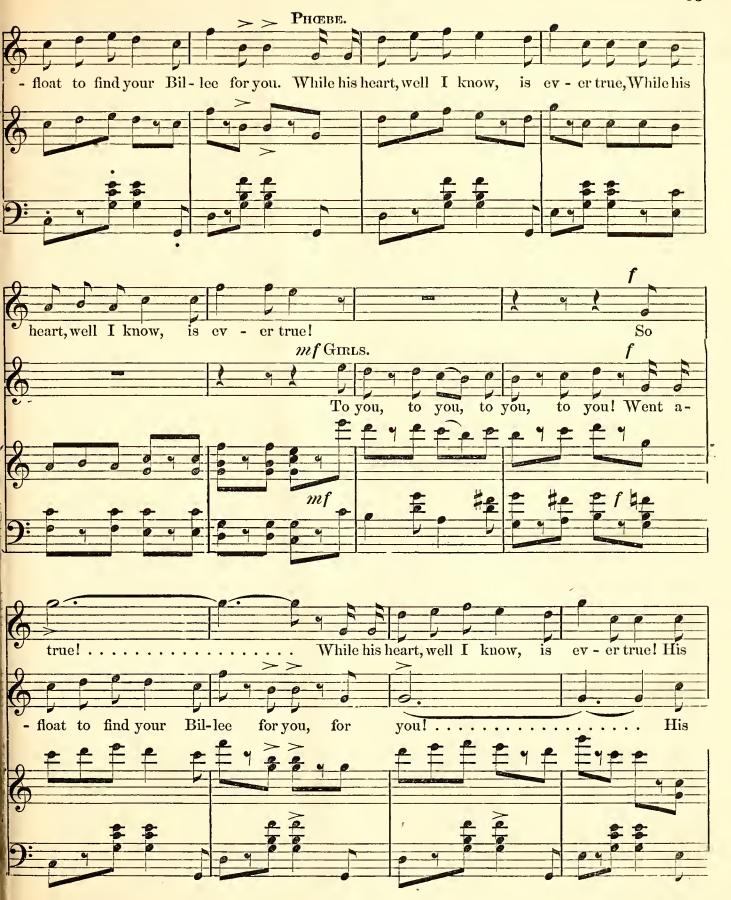














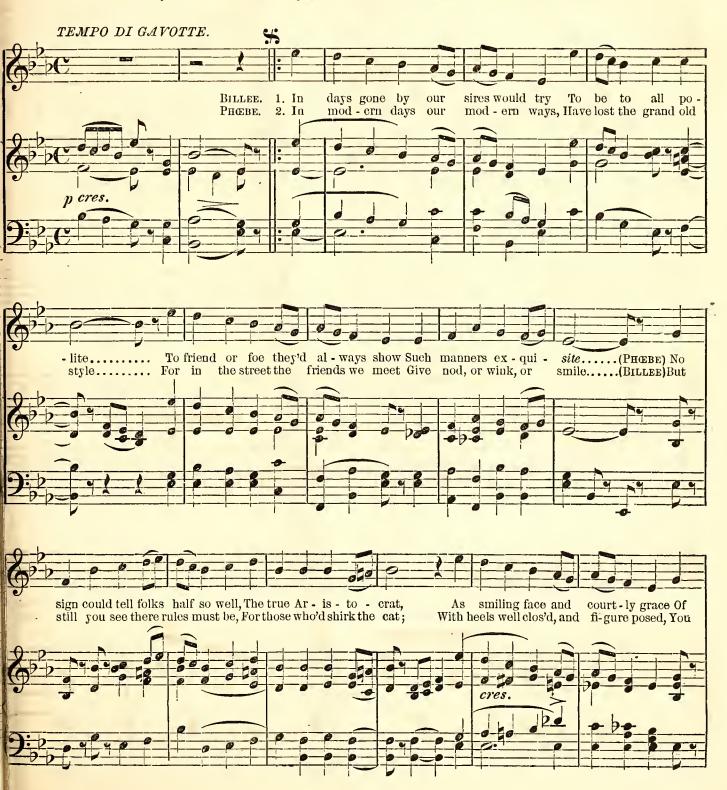


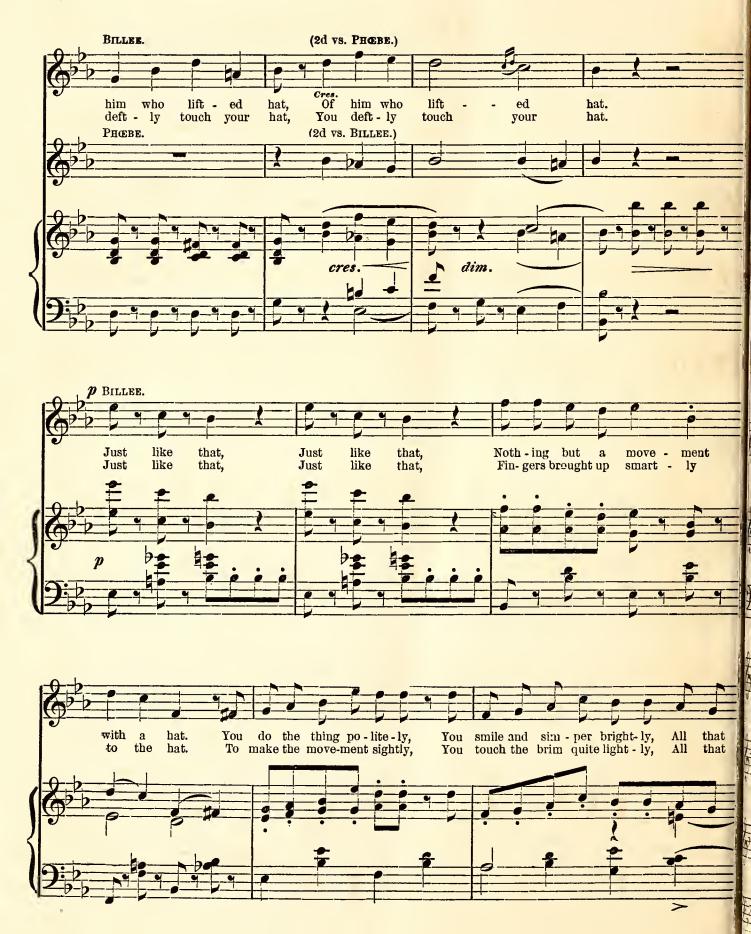
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### IN DAYS GONE BY.

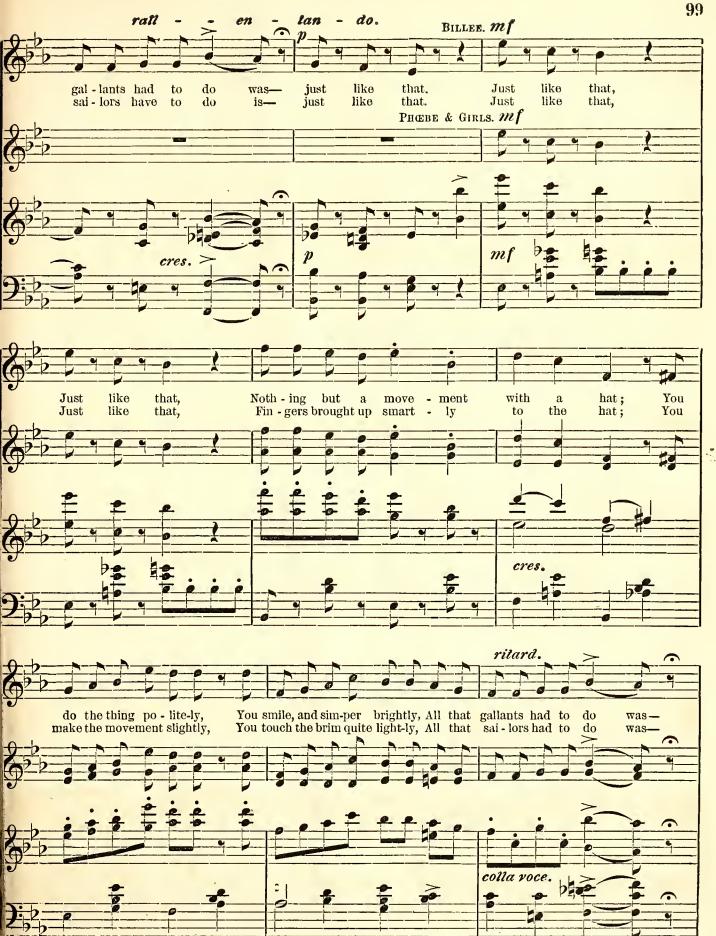
#### No. 16. DUET AND CHORUS. (Billee, Phæbe, and Chorus.)

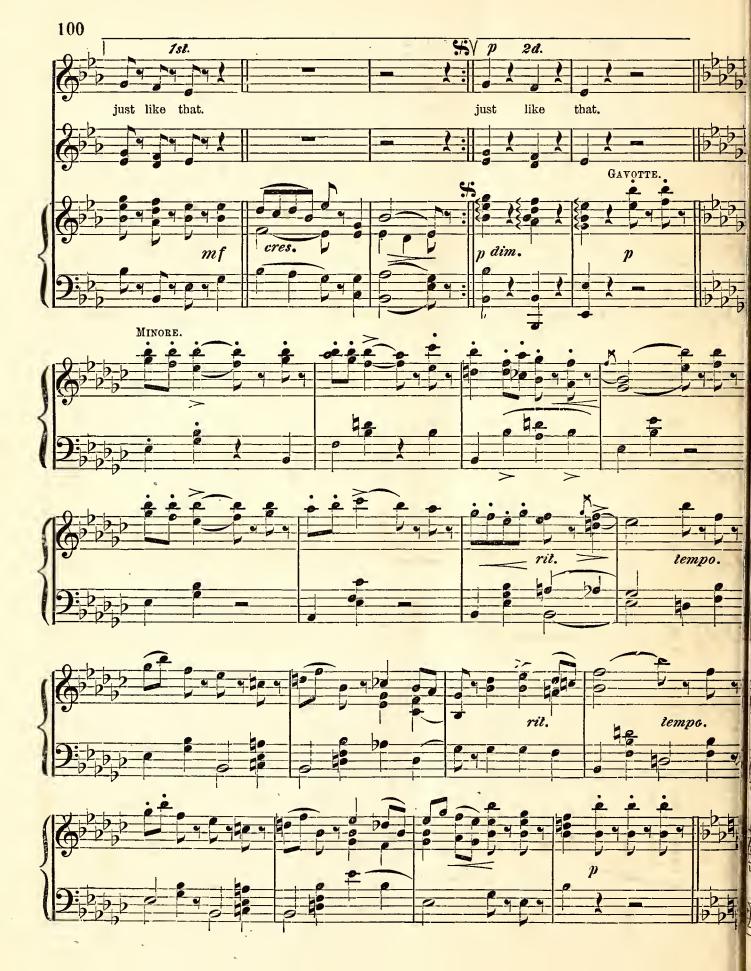
The letter not found. Phebe not recognised. Want of politeness. A session in manners

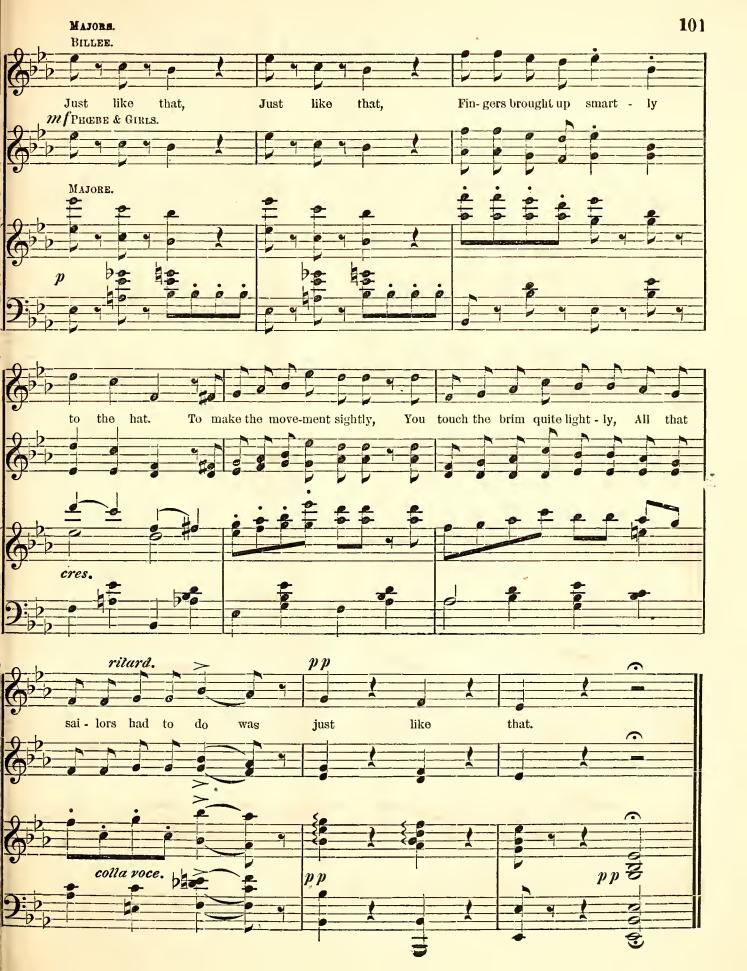












## TRIM LITTLE PHŒBE.

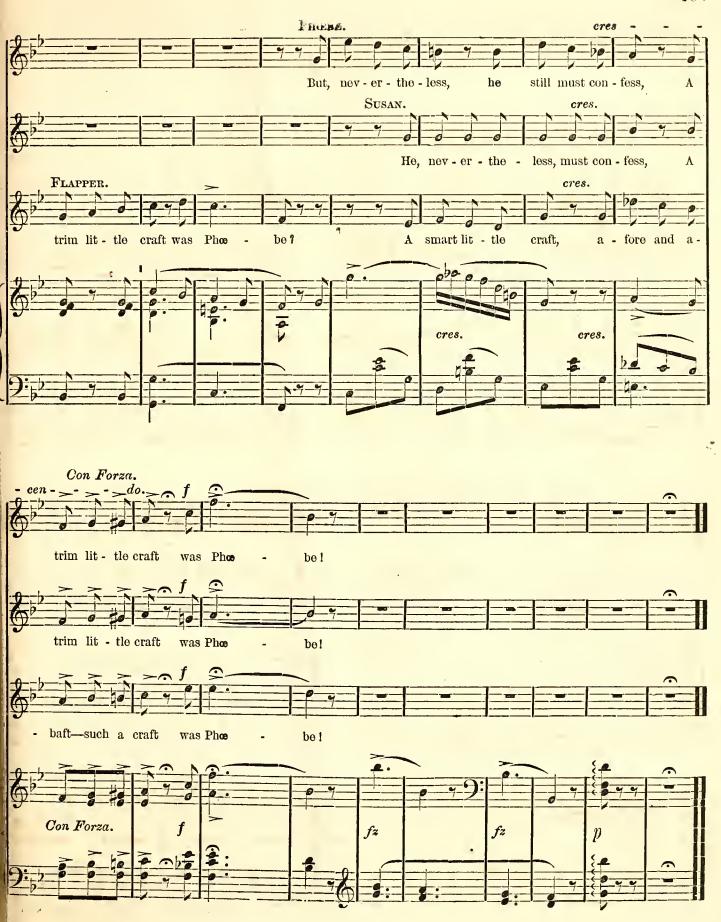
### No. 17. TRIO. (Captain Flapper, Phœbe and Susan.)

A cold welcome—How to act. Flapper, the Lovelace, follows Susan—The Voice of Conscience— "RICHARD CARR" Never repulsed—Yes, once by Phœbe.





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FLAPPER relates the love adventures of Lieutenant William Taylor—Never be inconstant—Mrs. Dabsey—A Price! a Sail! the Chase! Sir Mincing Lane's Volunteers!—An Idea.

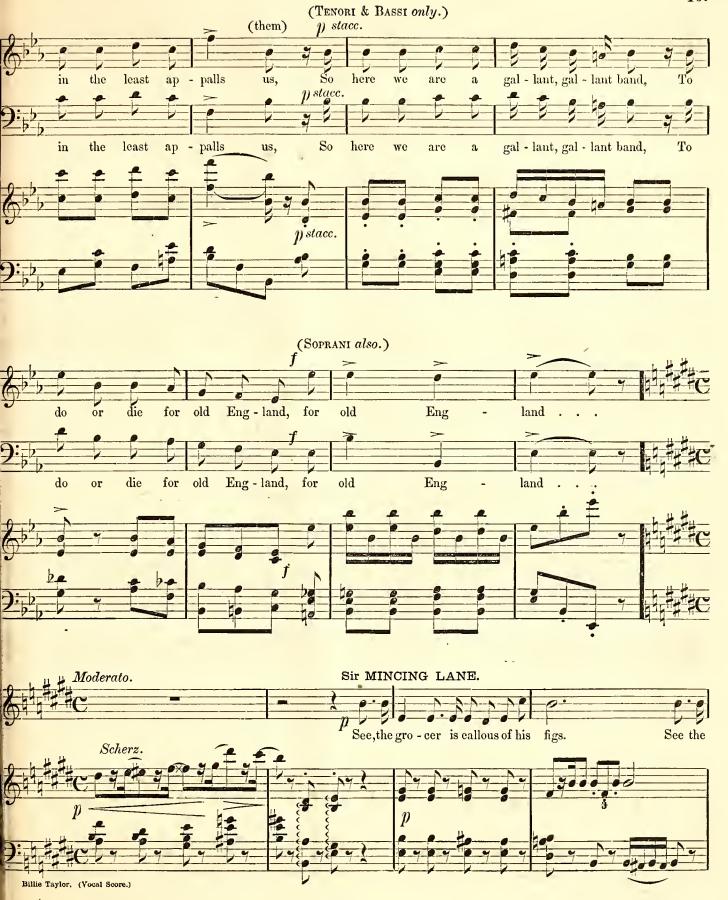
## WITH FIFE AND DRUM.

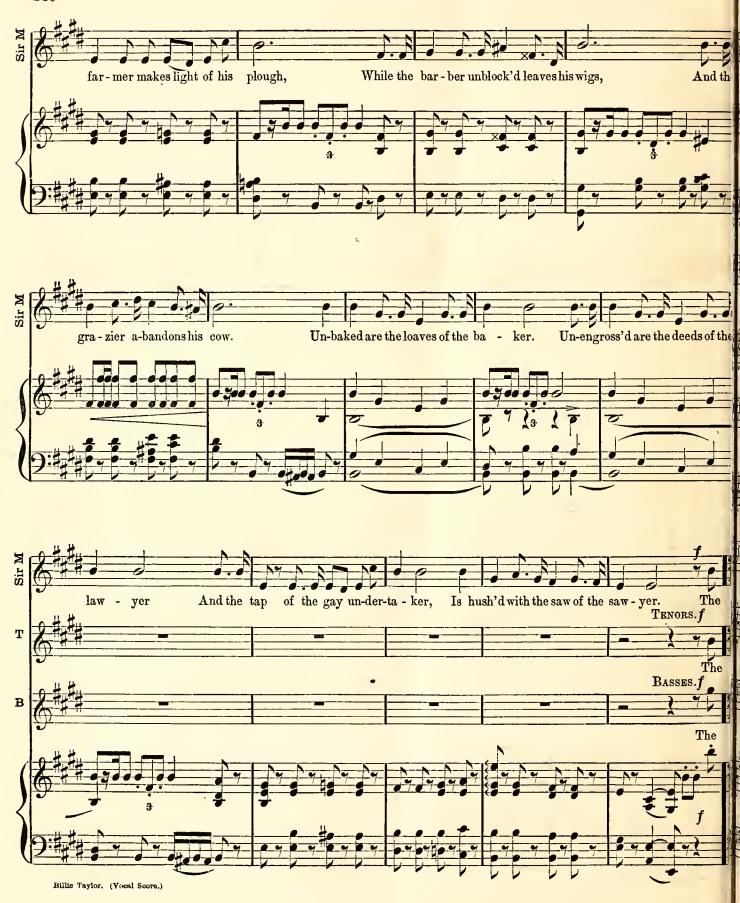
### No. 18. CHORUS OF VOLUNTEERS. (S. S. T. B.)

(Enter SIR MINCING LANE and Volunteers.) Allegro Moderato. CHORUS. Tenors. 1 With fife To and drum we brave - ly come Basses. To With come fife and drum wθ brave - ly Con Spirito.



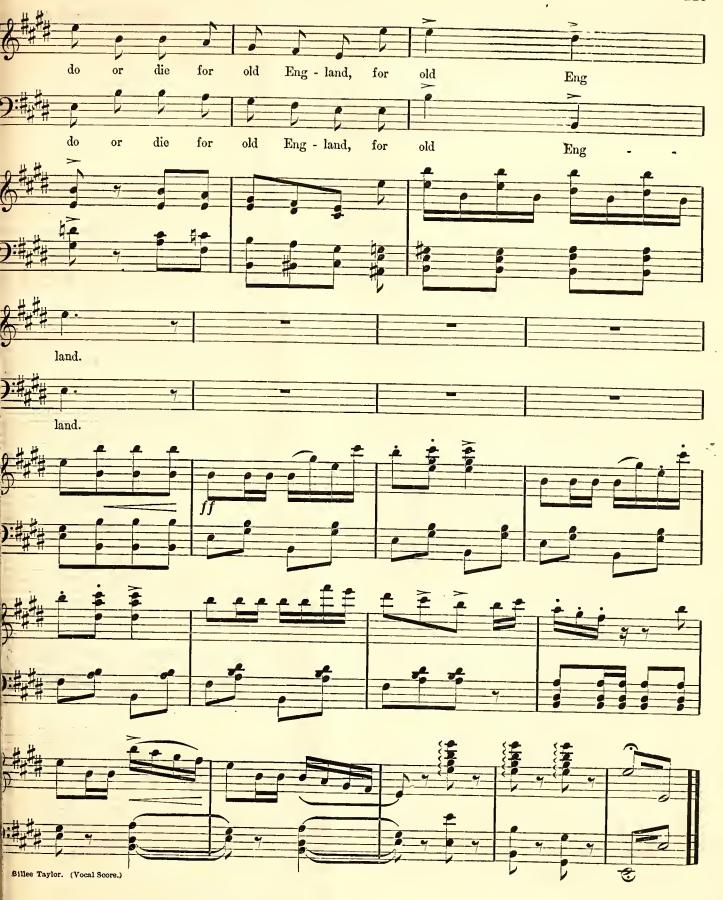












PHŒBE proposes enlistment at SIR MINCING'S expense.—Agreed to, nem. con.—BARNACLE and the crew of the "Thu derbomb" object.—A collision imminent between the sea and the land forces.

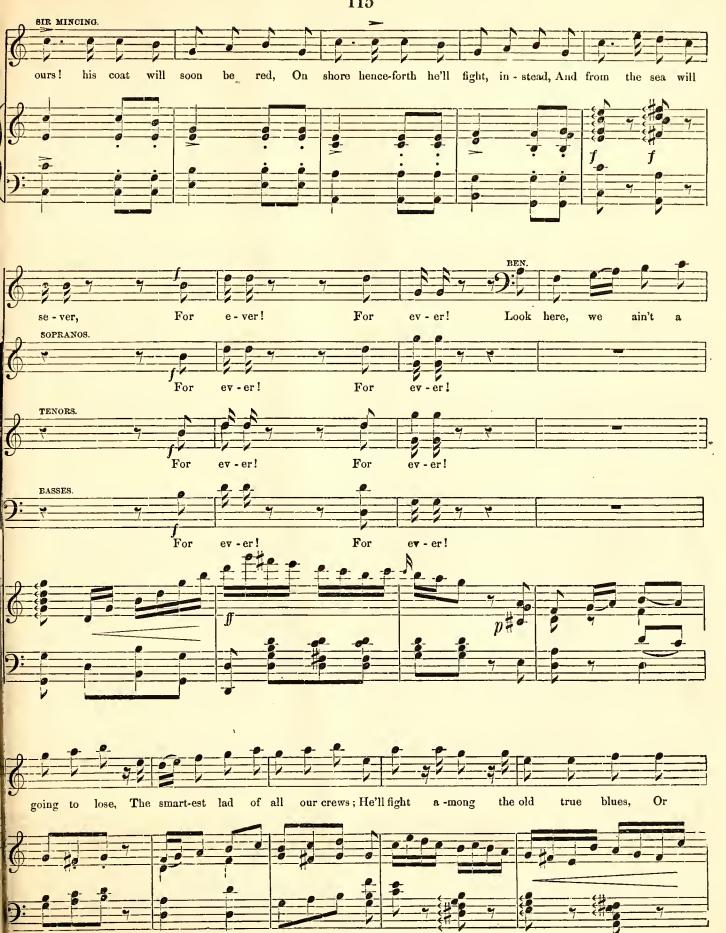
## CONCERTED PIECE AND SONG.

Ben Barnacle, Sir Mincing Lane,

No. 19.

Phœbe, Flapper, and Chorus.
(S. S. T. B.)





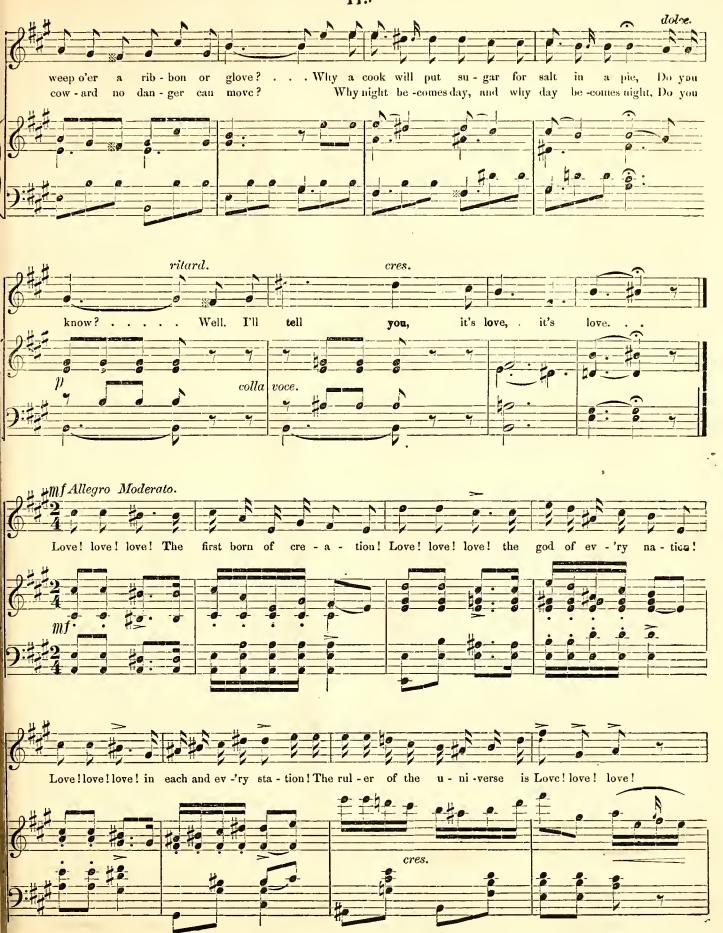




# SONG. "LOVE, LOVE, LOVE."

No. 19. a.













The power of Love exemplified —Barnacle's suggestion —The usual thing — ELIZA again! Flapper gives chase, as does Benjame — The position of son-in-law to a rich knight not to be despised, in William's estimation — The gross familiarity of Char receives an

nne position of soill-law to a rich kinght not to be despised, in which as a settination—The gross laminarity of CRAB receives an unpleasant check—Crab cries for vengeance.

BARNACLE cuts out the CAPTAIN and brings in ELIZA a prize—FLAPPER follows with sword and pistol—His own bo'sum! not one of Mother Carey's chicken's either—Disgust of FLAPPER—BARNACLE takes possession of the weapons—The lass that loves a sailor.

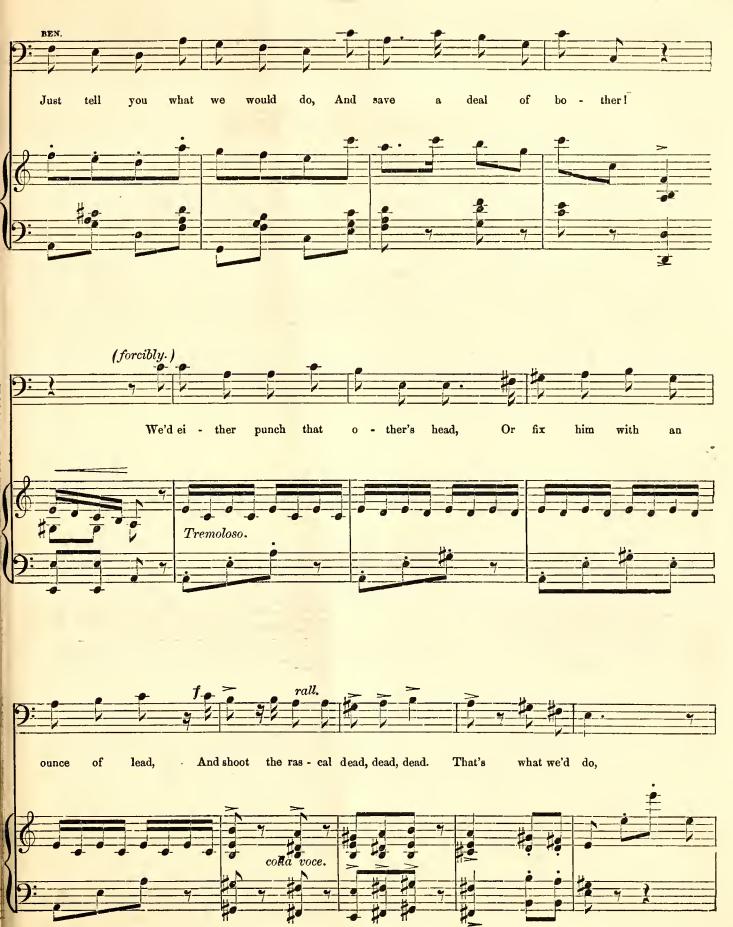
PHŒBE's fruitless search.

A tar in tears—Mutual recognition—William's marraige announced—PHŒBE's despair, rage, and resolution! Revenge!

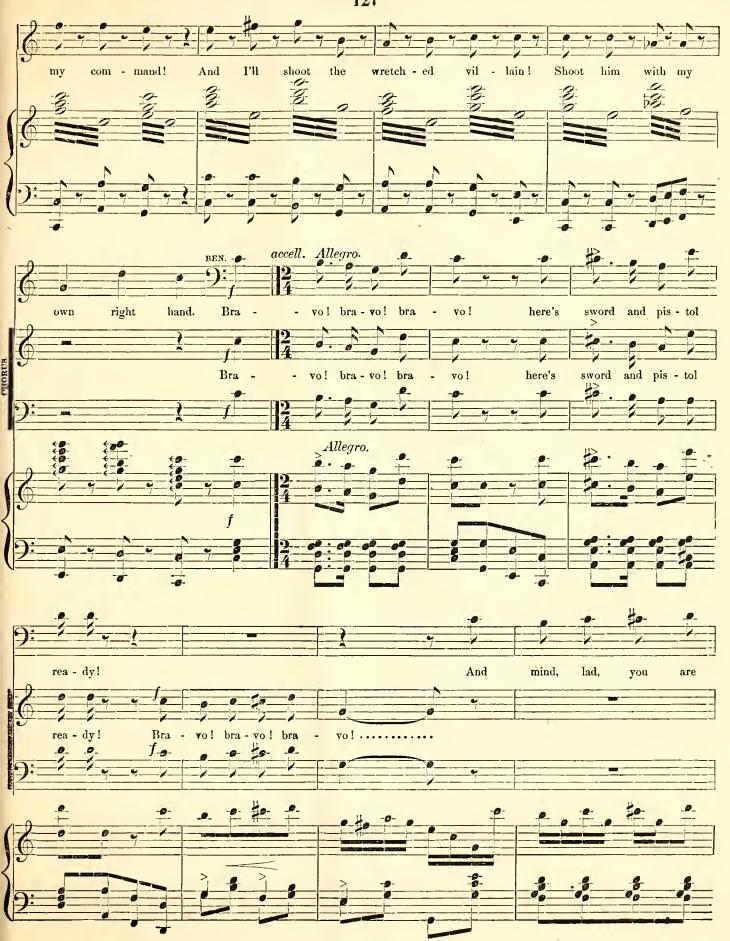
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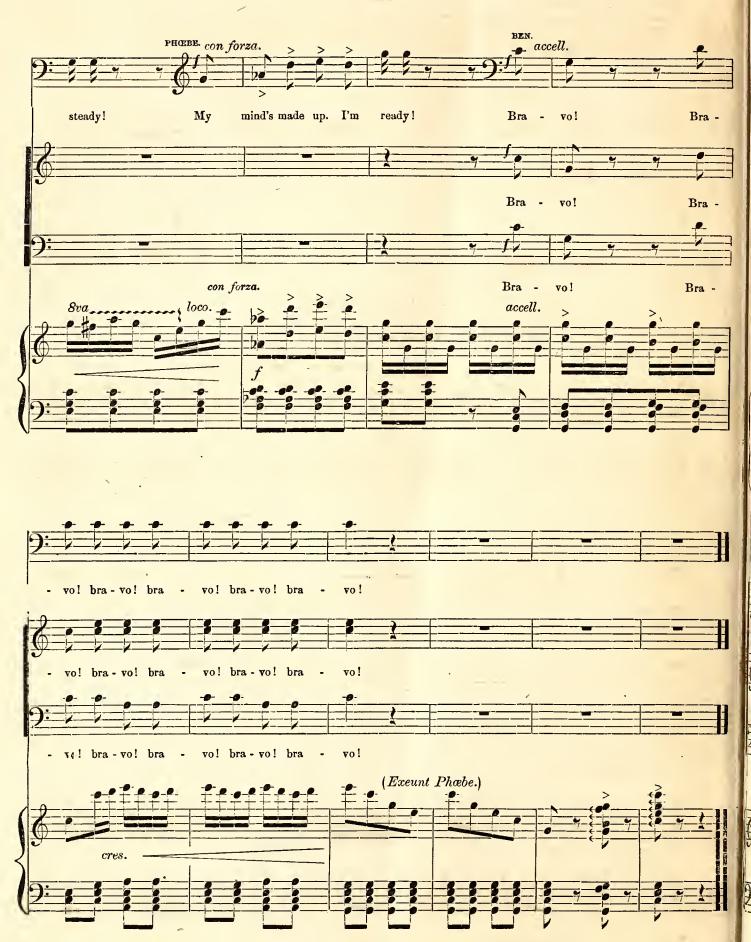
BARNACLE, AND SAILORS. No. 20. PHŒBE,











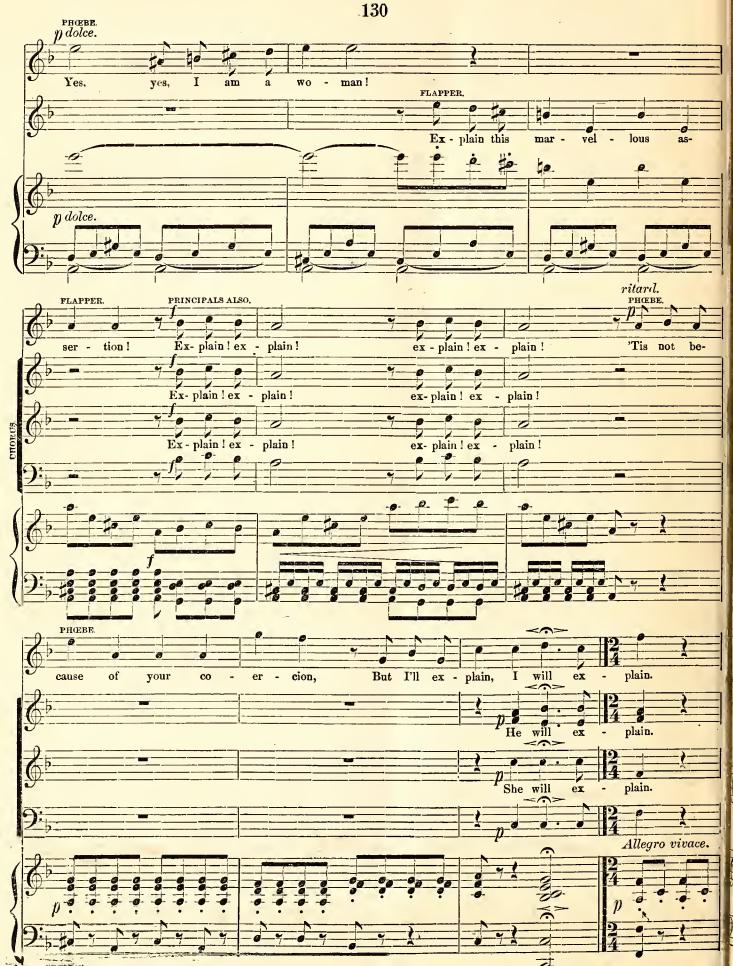
On the track of the deceiver!

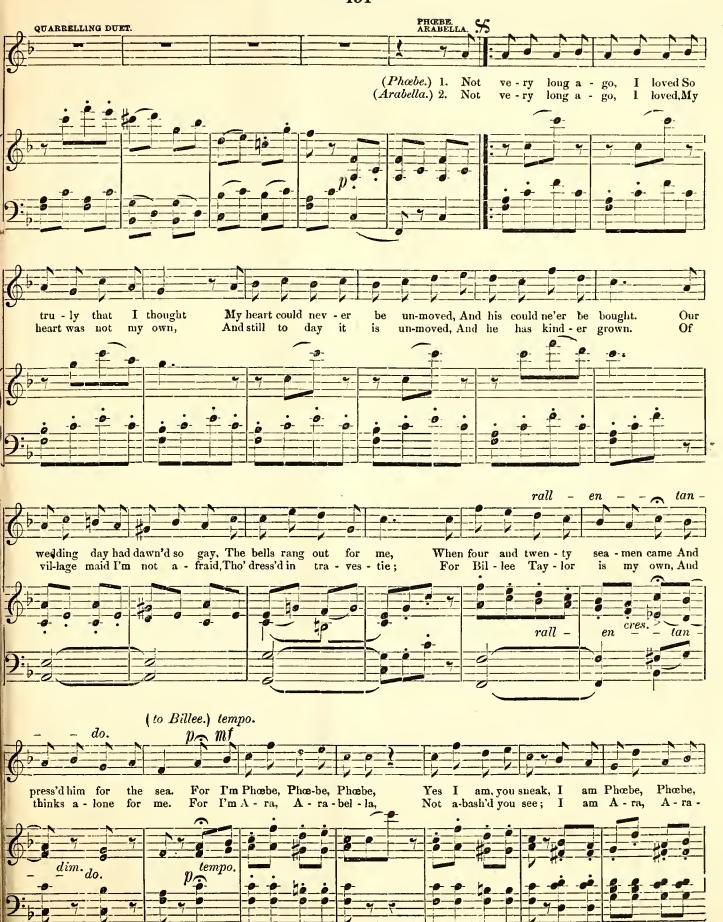
WILLIAM and ARABELLA name the happy day—Chab the Spy! CRAB's look-out—Ho, ho! delectable villany: The lovers! the start! the catastrophe—Arrest of Richard Care.

## (A) CONCERTED PIECE. "I AM NO MAN."

No. 21. PHŒBE, ARABELLA, BILLEE, FLAPPER & CHORUS. S. S. T. B.





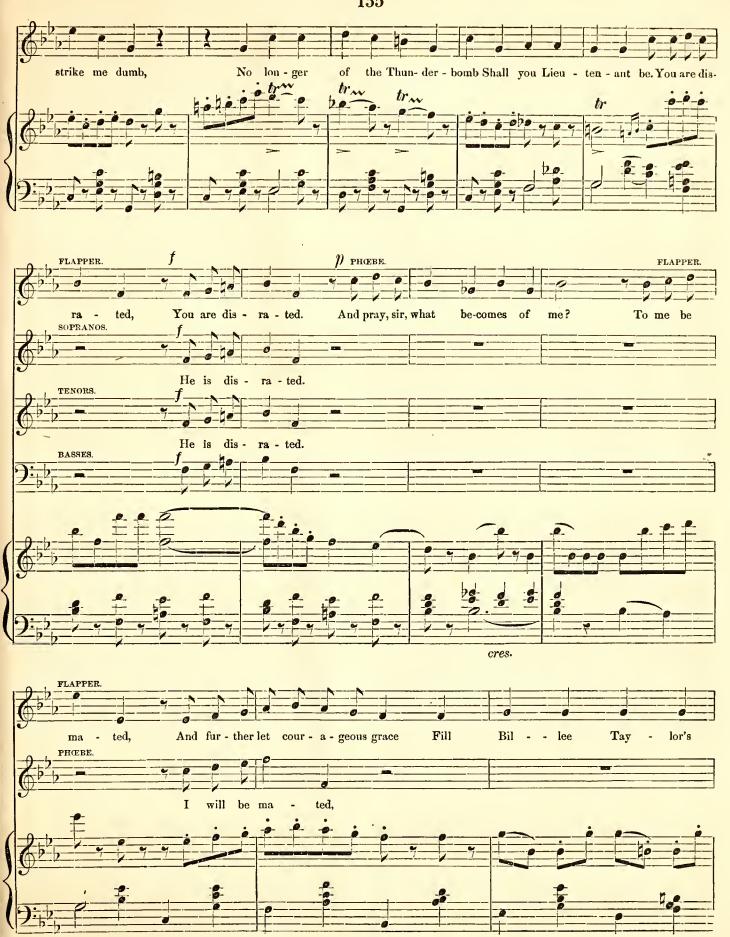


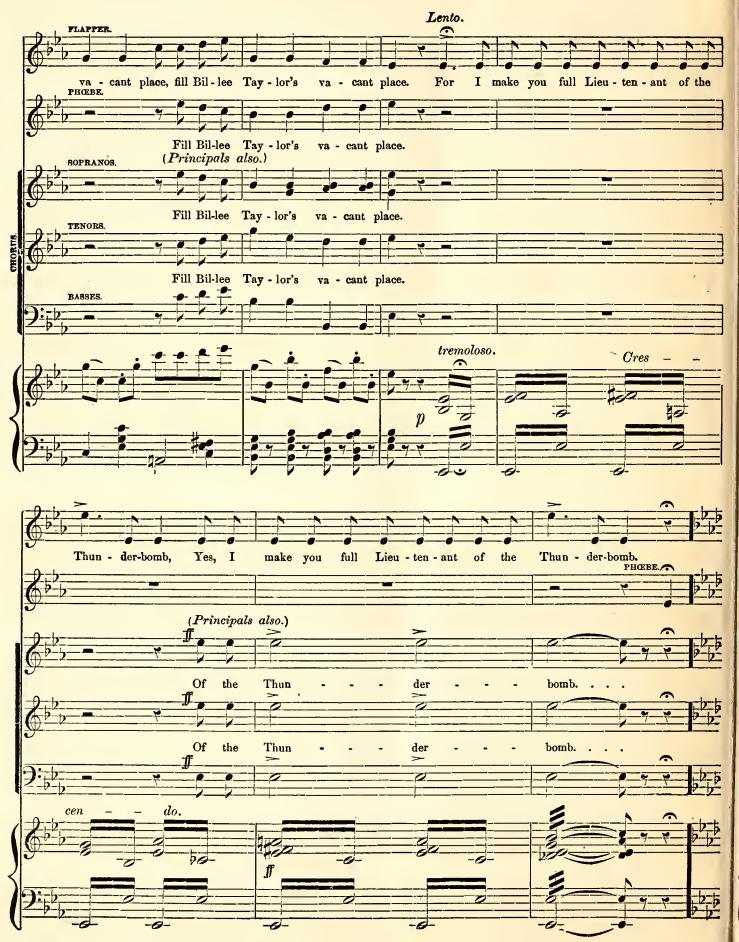


The rescue of CRAE! The witness from the sea-The French Commander's letter! Can BILLEE TAYLOR be a coward?





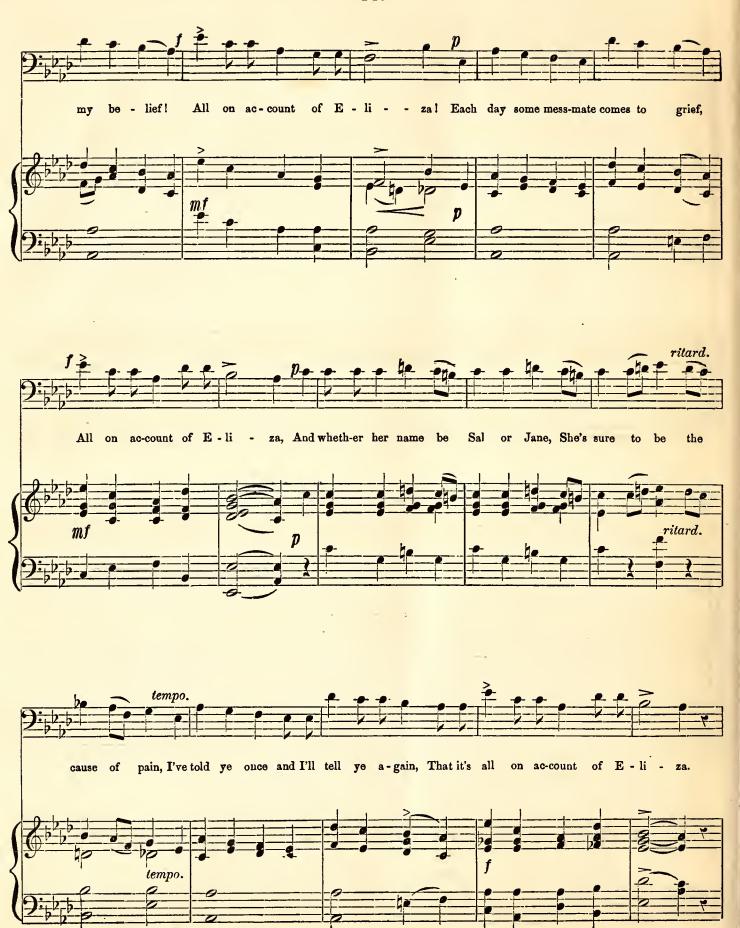






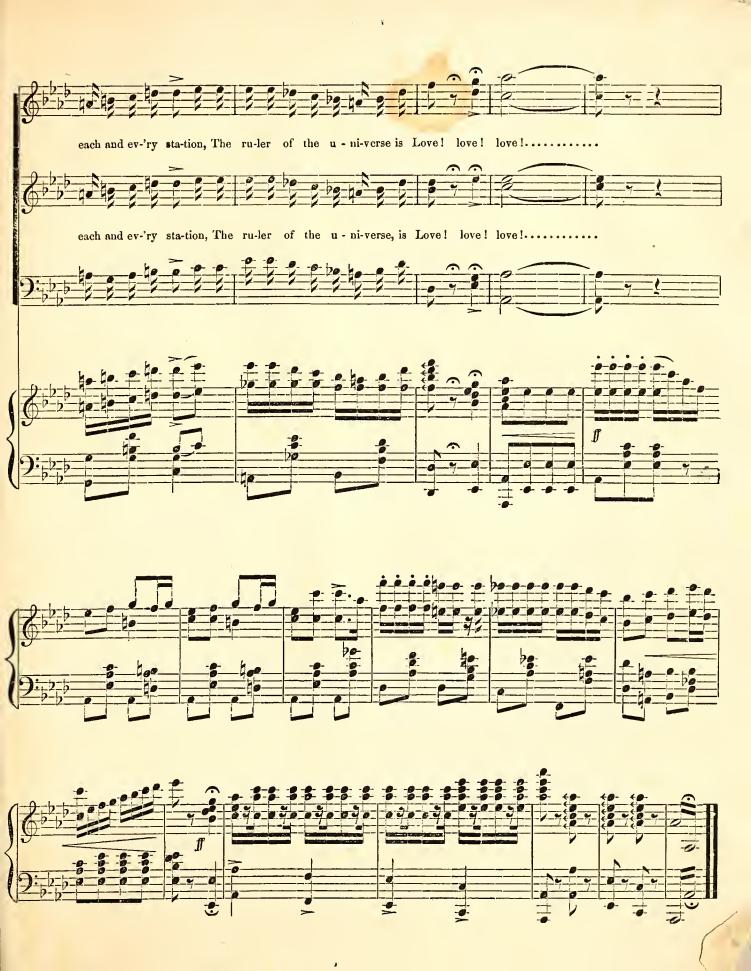














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